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Asia Markets Soar, but Crisis Is 'Far From Resolved'

Demand for Stocks Rises After Holiday

By Philip Segal

HONG KONG - Optimistic that financial reforms could spur a turnaround in Asia's economic crisis, investors plowed money into the region's stocks and currencies on Monday, pushing stock indexes in several countries to double-digit gains.

European stock markets also caught the fever, and were further bolstered by the weekend news of merger talks between the drug companies SmithKline Beecham PLC and Glaxo Wellcome PLC. Indexes in Britain, Germany, France and elsewhere closed at new highs on modest gains, and the buying spree continued in New York, where stocks rose more than 2 percent in late trading, largely on takeover specula-tion. (Page 11)

The global rally sprang to life in Asia.
With markets opening after last week's
Limar New Year and a holiday to mark the end of Ramadan, the Muslim fasting month, investors showed renewed confidence especially in Indonesia, the country that has come closest to the brink of complete collapse.

The rupiah rose as much as 28 percent on Monday before closing up 17.8 percent, propelling confidence across the region and making Indonesian stocks denominated in rupiah more valuable from the point of view of foreign investors. Indonesia's benchmark stock index jumped 14 percent, to 554.11, its biggest one-day rise in five mouths.

By Alan Friedman

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DAVOS, Switzerland - While win-

ners are not easy to find in the turbulent

wake of Asia's financial crisis, cor-

porate chieftains, major investors and

tough fiscal policies; Brazil is being

lauded for having moved quickly to

defend its currency and battle inflation, and Argentina and Chile are also mov-

ing higher in the esteem of the world's

Just three years after being battered

by their own crisis, the major economies

of Latin America appear to have

sidestepped the risk of being infected by

Asia's financial contagion, according to

many attending the annual conference.
"The countries of Latin America will

be impacted to some degree by the

government officials gathered

here for the World Economic

Forum are beginning to place

savvy veteran of past turmoil,

and is getting kudos for its

financial and political elite.

Mexico is emerging as the

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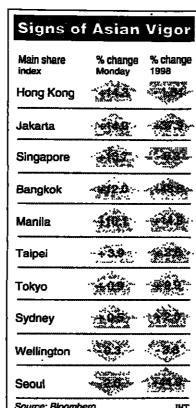
In Wake of Asia's Crisis,

Praise for Latin America

Past Turmoil Has Bred Hard-Earned Stability

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In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng Index registered its second-biggest point gain ever, rising 1,326.24 points — more than 14 percent — to 10,578.60. Markets in Singapore, Bangkok and Manila all rose more than 10 percent. Economists acknowledged that there were regional developments to

Asian crunch, but in going through the Mexican crisis of 1994 they have learned to manage," said Thomas McLarty, President Bill Clinton's spe-

Mr. McLarty stressed the extent to

Brazil, Mexico and Argentina

had been able to avoid falling

victim to collateral damage re-

sulting from the Asian finan-

Mr. McLarty said in an in-terview Monday, "have taken

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Goran Lindahl, president of Asea

ment to democracy.

"For example, they have drawn the



A trader in London working through hectic trading Monday as Asia's rally and news of a drug merger sparked gains in Europe. Page 11.

cheer about, but said Asian companies and governments had a long way to go before they could declare the sevenmonth crisis over.

"This is very, very far from actually being resolved," said Manmindar Singh, an economist at Nomura Research Institute in Singapore. While he applauded Jakarta's moves last week to shore up Indonesia's banking system, he noted that there had been no concrete action toward alleviating the country's crushing load of private-sec-

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Hillary Clinton, who called for "a

civil society" around the world.

Mrs. Clinton Speaks

Hillary Rodham Clinton, in a toughly worded speech at the World Economic

Forum in Davos, Switzerland, said U.S.

business leaders had neglected their own interests by failing to support "fast-track" trade negotiating power for her

husband. She also called upon business

leaders to push Congress to approve the payment of U.S. arrears to the United

Nations and additional money for the International Monetary Fund. Page 6.

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# **More Rioting Over Prices** Hits Indonesia

JAKARTA -- Violent protests have again erupted in key parts of Indonesia, with thousands of people burning shops as they challenged higher food and fuel prices, according to police and new: reports Monday.

Violence flared during the weekend

in up to 10 towns and villages on the densely populated island of Java and on Sulawesi, the officials said, with shops and the ethnic Chinese minority taking the brunt of the mobs' fury. About 2,000 people pelted shops with

stones in the western coastal town of Banawa, in Central Sulawesi Province, before being dispersed by paramilitary and police units, a military officer

Another large disturbance occurred in Pasuruan, 750 kilometers (470 miles)

For Indonesia's Chinese minority, caution is the watchword. Page 2.

east of Jakarta, where 400 people demonstrated in a marketplace against higher kerosene prices, the police said. They wanted to attack fuel agents there," a police officer said. "But fortunately, soldiers and police arrived in

time." About 30 people were detained

for questioning. In Banawa, security forces regained control after two hours, arresting several alleged ringleaders, the military officer, Suwardi, said by telephone from the district military headquarters there.
"People are still concerned," he ad-

ded. "Shop owners are still afraid to open. They raised prices indiscriminately and almost every day for basic ne-cessities." The officer said 13 shops had

been damaged. Analysts warn that social unrest could increase as the painful effects of Indonesia's current economic crisis are felt. Unemployment and inflation are

rising after a dramatic drop in the value casts surpluses of \$218.8 billion over the next five fiscal years, with \$8.5 billion in measures, enacted by the government

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# Saudis Stand Firm With U.S. on Iraq

# Allies' Talks Stress Diplomacy; 'Grave Consequences' in Store

RIYADH — The American secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, said Monday after talks in Saudi Arabia that Washington and Riyadh had agreed that Iraq would be responsible for the 'grave consequences" of its refusal to comply with UN arms inspections.

Asked if the Saudis agreed that force was an option, Mrs. Albright said: 'We see eye to eye on the issues involved.
'We agreed that diplomacy is the

preferred action," she added. "If diplomacy fails to achieve a solution, Saddam Hussein will be responsible for the grave consequences that will follow."

A Saudi statement read on state television said, "The two sides asserted their interest in exhausting all diplomatic means to resolve the current crisis as the failure of such methods would entail grave consequences.'

Mrs. Albright, on a Middle East mission to drum up support for a possible military strike against Iraq, was speaking after talks with Crown Prince Abdullah at a royal desert encampment in Saudi Arabia.

"The crown prince agreed with our assessment that the responsibility for this crisis fall clearly on the shoulders of

Saddam Hussein," she said. In Baghdad, the Iraqi undersecretary for foreign affairs, Riyad Qaysi, denied Monday that Iraq had agreed to allow inspection of presidential sites or that President Saddam Hussein would meet the head of the UN inspection team, Referring to a report by the Russian

agency Interfax earlier in the day, he That report stated that Iraq accepted inspection of presidential sites and that President Saddam Hussein accepted to meet Richard Butler. That statement is totally, totally incorrect."

Barton Gellman of The Washington

Post reported: The biggest question during Mrs. Albright's visit to Saudi Arabia was

whether American warplanes may use

Saudi air bases to stage strikes on Iraq.

the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al Ahmad as Sabah, had granted permission in principle for U.S. pilots to fly F-117A fighters and A-10 attack jets from the Jaber air base in southern Kuwait should diplomacy fail to exact Iraq's full compliance with United Nations

weapons inspectors. Bahrain, Mrs. Albright's next stop on an eight-nation tour, is regarded by the Clinton administration as likely to follow suit. U.S. F-117A Stealth fighters and F-16 and F-15 fighters have been stationed at the Sheikh Isa airfield since November.

But Saudi Arabia holds larger stakes, diplomatically and operationally. The Clinton administration would like Arab political cover for any bombardment from more than a pair of tiny emirates, and it badly needs the use of Saudi air space and airfields to mount the "significant" and "sustained" campaign it has threatened.

Part of the reason is that time is such a crucial factor in the air campaign that the administration talks about conducting if Mr. Saddam does not halt his defiance of the disarmament conditions imposed by the UN Security Council after the 1991 Gulf War.

Some members of the president's senior foreign policy team acknowledged in recent interviews that they are anxious that allied and world reaction, especially among Arabs, will impose practical limits on the duration of any

If time is short, locally based American and British warplanes will have to fly a high rate of daily sorties to do the substantial damage they say they intend to Iraq's conventional and nonconventional military forces.

Such sorties would be difficult for the aircraft aboard the three U.S. carriers and one British carrier in the Gulf. They lack the combination of heavy payload and rapid turnaround that would enable

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# Colleagues Are Dubious About Lewinsky's Lawyer

# Many Say Ginsburg's Strategy May Be Flawed

By Ruth Marcus and Bob Woodward Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - William Ginsburg, the lawyer for the former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, had just finished doing his latest television interview when he pulled out his beeper and began reading off the latest mes-sages from journalists beseeching him

interviews.
'Call Mike Wallace,' Mr. Ginsburg recited aloud, referring to the television correspondent.

'My new best friend." he said. He looked up at a reporter and added, apparently in all seriousness, "I'm the

most famous person in the world." This is the age of the lawyer as celebrity, when Court TV makes the O. J. Simpson murder trial a national

obsession and Marcia Clark and Johnnie Cochran Jr. household names. But even within this brave new legal world, Mr. Ginsburg's fame has swelled to Cochranian dimensions with lightning speed, thanks largely to the marathon media tour he has undertaken since the allegations involving Ms. Lewinsky and President Bill Clinton surfaced Jan.

In Mr. Cochran's case, the outcome was a happy one - his client got off and the case made him not only a celebrity but the host of his own television show.

For Mr. Ginsburg, the story has yet to play out, and many are the criminal defense lawyers who say his press strategy - both his high profile and the particular comments he has made that would appear to undermine his client's case and her credibility -- is dangerously flawed.

"I have to tell you I cannot figure out what the strategy is," said William Taylor 3d, one of Washington's leading white-collar criminal defense lawyers. 'In the first place, negotiations between the defense lawyer and the prosecutor are always best conducted privately. The opportunity for misunderstanding based on comments to the media is very high. And I can't see the benefit to his client of having him discussing in the media what she says and doesn't say."
He added, "I think it is an uncon-

ventional approach to negotiating in a case of this importance.

Ms. Lewinsky's legal position is pre-carious. She submitted a sworn affidavit in the Paula Jones harassment suit against Mr. Clinton asserting that she did not have a sexual relationship with the president — a statement contradicted by her recorded conversations with former Pentagon colleague Linda Tripp, the tapes of which are now in the possession of independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

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# Clinton Unveils Balanced U.S. Budget 'End of an Era' of Deficits Also Yields Map for Wider Federal Spending

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposities WASHINGTON - President Bill

Clinton proposed the first balanced federal budget in 30 years on Monday, seeking to reverse the long legacy of deficits that began during the Vietnam War and accelerated over the next quarter century.

The fiscal 1999 budget, which covers the year starting Oct. 1, calls for \$1.73 million in spending and forecasts a sur-

of \$9.5 billion for the year and \$218.8 billion over the next five years. This budget marks the end of an era an end to decades of deficits that have shackled our economy, paralyzed our politics and held our people back," Mr. Clinton said at a White House cere-

To underscore his achievement, Mr. Clinton drew a gigantic zero on a chart labeled "1999 Budget Deficit," drawing applause from a crowd of admin-istration officials and congressional

The president's plan calls for expanding the federal government's role in Providing child care, increasing medical research, lowering the age limits for Medicare and helping to hire 100,000 new teachers to reduce class sizes.

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Overall, Mr. Clinton's 1999 budget proposes a 3.9 percent increase over this year's spending levels.

It would pay for it in three main ways: raising \$65.5 billion over five years

The president's plan depends greatly on a tobacco deal. Page 3. from a national tobacco settlement that

has yet to be enacted by Congress; higher tax revenues, chiefly from tobacco. businesses and investors, and cuts in some programs. Whether any of Mr. Clinton's spend-

ing programs sees the light of day is an

open question, given that the Republicancontrolled Congress is more interested in tax cuts than domestic spending.

'We can't go back to the days of skyrocketing government spending, but that's exactly what the president has proposed, with \$90 billion in new taxes and \$100 billion in new social spending," said the House Republican leader. Dick Armey of Texas. "For President Clinton, the budget surplus is the road

back to the era of big government."

The fiscal 1999 budget request forecasts surpluses of \$218.8 billion over the

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Mr. Jospin announced plans to close

the fast-breeder reactor, which pro-

duces more plutonium than it con-

sumes, soon after he took office in

Money-Laundering: Now Global

Philippine Airliner Is Missing

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# AGENDA

# France to Shut Fast-Breeder Reactor

PARIS (AP) — The leftist government decided Monday to close tricity and is a powerful lobby. down the world's largest fast-breeder nuclear reactor that has cost France billions of dollars but functioned for only 30 months of its 10-year existence.

A handful of ministers, meeting under Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, formally agreed to shut the Superphenix reactor in eastern France and convert it to a research tool. The "deconstruction" of the reactor will begin in 2005 and will cost

10.6 billion francs (\$1.73 billion), Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-The ministers' meeting Monday had originally been set for last month but was reportedly postponed because of differences over the fate of the

Superphenix plant.

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# killer, Karla Faye Tucker, moved closer to execution in Texas. Page 3.

# Hollywood of the Mideast Arab World Eats Up Spicy TV Fare From Syria

By John Lancaster Washington Post Service

DAMASCUS — From Lebanon to the Gulf, television viewers are tuning in to "The Mirror," the Arab world's answer to the American program "Saturday Night Live."

Irreverent in the extreme, the hourlong comedy show takes gleeful aim at uncaring bureaucrats and autocratic

One recent episode parodied a summit meeting of Arab leaders, depicting them as self-important buffoons whose search for Arab unity ends in squabbles over soccer matches and a riot of hurled paper and insults. Another depicts the Kafkaesque struggles of "Essam" - a young Syrian woman with a man's name — to avoid the military draft by persuading government bureaucrats

In a region where governments have shown little tolerance for dissent, such pungent political satire is as rare as it is popular. What makes "The Mirror" even more remarkable, however, is that it originates in Syria.

that she is, in fact, a woman.

Despite its well-deserved reputation for political repression. Syria has emerged as a leading producer of Arab television entertainment, much of it surprisingly bold in its treatment of sensitive themes.

Besides "The Mirror," Syrian-made rograms now broadcast around the Middle East include a lavish adaptation of Shakespeare's "King Lear" and such historical dramas as "The Silk Market." a popular serial that casts a critical eye on the unhappy union between Syria

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# Wealth Under Fire / Ethnic Tensions

# For Indonesia's Chinese, Caution Is the Watchword

By Seth Mydans New York Times Service

ENGASDENGKLOK, Indonesia -Anti-Chinese sentiment is bubbling to the surface as Indonesians react to the pain of the Asian financial crisis, but Embing Sutiono, an ethnic Chinese shop owner, says he is confident that if riots break out, he will

"Everybody knows me around here," said Mr. Embing, who owns four dry-goods shops in this town 50 kilometers (30 miles) east of Jakarra, the capital. "Even if I walk around at night, I'm safe. People call out, 'Hey, Mr. Bing, how are you doing?'

Still, like other Chinese merchants here, he has put new iron grates on his shop fronts. burnished his relations with local security forces, set up an informal telephone network with his Chinese friends and stopped driving his expensive car so as not to provoke envy.

And as a public relations gesture, he and his son have printed 600 coupons for distribution to his poor, non-Chinese neighbors entitling them to a choice of a 3-kilogram (6.6-pound) sack of rice or a bundle of clothing.

Though they make up less than 4 percent of Indonesia's 200 million people — most of whom are Muslim — ethnic Chinese are estimated to hold as much as 70 percent of the country's private wealth. In small towns, they are typically shopkeepers and merchants like Mr. Embing; in the cities they control multibillion-dollar business conglomerates.

Part of this picture comes from the historical role of Chinese as traders under the Dutch colonialists. Part comes from the structure of modem Indonesian society, in which ethnic Chinese are mostly excluded from careers in the military

or the government. Thus much of the nation's cash is in the hands of Chinese businessmen, and they are widely resented for it. When times get tough, they know, they are often the scapegoats. Anti-Chinese riots are a thread running through recent Indonesian history -- most notably in 1965 when ethnic Chinese were one of the targets in an anti-Com-

munist massacre that took half a million lives. In Rengasdengklok — and all around the country - ethnic Chinese are taking precautions. In the town of Salatiga in central Java, Chinese merchants are pooling their money to feed a local military unit in the hope of ensuring security in the months to come.

"Everything is calm here," said Mr. Embing, 55, looking out from his Great Blessings clothing store at the town's hot and clamorous central marketplace. "Calm but tense."

Signs of tension are beginning to emerge around the country, from mutterings in markets to anti-Chinese harangues in mosques to sly articles in newspapers about "conglomerates," a code word for the companies of rich Chinese. Small riots have already broken out over the

past two weeks in eastern and central Java. In one case, people burned a small Chinese-owned department store when it raised its prices. In another, they were angered by a rumor that merchants had raised the price of kerosene. In a third, they raided a Chinese-owned rice warehouse.

At the same time, some ethnic Chinese businessmen say they believe that the government is laying the ground for a smear campaign against them to divert public anger over unemployment and rising prices.

Last week, a prominent Chinese millionaire, Sofyan Wanandi, was questioned by the police for what they said was his possible connection to a bomb plot. A small group of students, most of them affiliated with a Muslim youth group, was then mobilized to demoustrate outside an institute with which he is associated. They distributed fliers that pointedly used his Chinese name, Liem Bian Koen.

In another signal, a military official two weeks ago urged ethnic Chinese to "bring home" some of their wealth from overseas to donate to an "I love the rupiah" campaign, implying that they were less than patriotic.

thnic Chinese say they can feel the mood changing, and some of the wealthier ones have made sure they and their children hold open tickets to Singapore. Some are said to have stocked their yachts in Jakarta's harbor for a quick getaway.

"I have never been insulted over the last 15 years since I was a student," said a young journalist. "But just last week, I was in a museum and a man shouted right in front of me, 'You Chinese are the ones who are making me suffer!' I mean, I hadn't done anything. I was just walking.

What people fear now is the kind of violence that swept through Rengasdengklok a year ago, set off when a Chinese resident objected to the noise

of a neighbor's Muslim ceremony before dawn.

The riot shocked this town of 200,000 people, of whom only 4,000 are ethnic Chinese. Thousands of people rampaged through the streets



store in Rengasdengklok. 'Calm but tense.'

attacking the businesses and homes of Chinese residents and burning down a Buddhist temple and two Christian churches, many of whose parishioners were ethnic Chinese.

As the violence spread, Muslim merchants painted "Muslim" on their shop fronts to protect them. "If we hadn't done that, we would have been attacked, too," said Tati Herliati, proprietor of a tiny auto-supply shop. The protective graffiti remain around town one year later along with the smashed windows of the now vacant Peska Discount, a three-story department store --- as reminders of the explosive anger that lies just beneath the surface.

The ethnic Chinese residents of Rengasdengklok could take little comfort from the official response to the violence. When 55 rioters were convicted in court, the longest sentence any of them received was five months. The resident whose early-morning complaint touched off the riot was sentenced to three and a half years for expressing hatred against Islam.

An ethnic Chinese man smiled warily when asked about the sentences. "I don't have anything to say about that," he said. "I find it a little

confusing."

So ethnic Chinese have begun to band together for their own protection. Shopkeepers hold regular

meetings at the town's biggest Buddhist temple, where they pray for peace and share advice, said the temple's caretaker, Sukartono.

"They understand that this is a time to be very, very careful," said Mr. Sukartono, 49, an ethnic Chinese man who was born in Rengasdengklok. He listed some of measures they have discussed: Try not to raise prices sharply and "mind

your language; don't use harsh words." • Even if business is down, don't withhold employees' bonuses, which are paid in January. Be generous, with gifts of rice and food.

 Avoid displays of wealth, remove flashy jewelry and keep expensive cars "caged" in garages.

Tone down Chinese New Year celebrations and cancel traditional lion dances in the streets. 'All of us feel the tension." Mr. Sukartono

said. "Yeah, of course. All of us talk about it." But not all ethnic Chinese fit the wealthy stereotype, he said, and not all have the same means to protect themselves. Mr. Sukartono has no expensive car to park in a garage and he cannot afford to buy airplane tickets to Singa-

pore for his family.
"Not me," he said. "I'm one of the have-nots. That's the role of the conglomerates: They can go abroad. The have-nots just stay here and take

# - Roman's **PLO Skips** Decision On Revising **Israel Clause**

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By Joel Greenberg New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - The Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee has withheld a gesture that was expected during the visit here of the American secretary of state, making no decision on amending clauses in the group's charter calling for Israel's destruction, according to participants.

Palestinian officials had predicted that the committee would endorse a decision made in April 1996 by the Palestine National Council, the organization's broadest decision-making body. The council had voted to amend the charter by canceling any articles that contradicted letters of mutual recog-nition exchanged between Israel and the PLO in 1993.

An endorsement by the executive committee would have been a nod to Israeli demands that the Palestinians follow through on the council's decision. But an official statement said only that the executive committee had been briefed on a letter given by Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, to President Bill Clinton at their meeting in Washington last month, which listed the articles of the charter annulled by the council.

Those articles were not specified in the 1996 decision, and Israel has de-manded that the Palestinians spell them out in a new resolution by the council.

The Palestinians assert that the 1996 decision was sufficient, although they agreed in an American note added to an accord last year on an Israeli withdrawal from most of Hebron that they would complete the process of revising the Palestinian National Charter."

In its meeting late Saturday in the West Bank town of Ramallah, the executive committee "took note of President Arafat's letter, and it is on the agenda now for the next meeting," said Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator. "By law the executive committee of the PLO must honor the resolutions of the PNC," he said. "The letter will be endorsed."

After meeting Mr. Arafat on Sunday, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said at a news conference, "It is my understanding that they have put the issue of the covenant on an agenda item to be discussed."

The Palestinians have written letters to Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain and President Clinton, she said, that made "clear which articles of the covenant they consider invalid, and we consider that an important step forward."

A spokesman for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that neither At Rome's Fiumicino airport, air Mr. Arafar's letters nor decisions by the executive committee were a substitute for action by the council, which the PLO Haze caused by new forest fires charter says is the only entity authorized to change the document.

Louvre Statue Damaged

Agence France-Presse PARIS — A 38-year-old man has been arrested and placed in a psychiatric unit for breaking a statue of the Roman philosopher Seneca in the newly reopened antiquities section of the Louvre Museum, police reported Monday.

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# Airline Is Sued Over Medical Kit After a Death

The Associated Press

BOSTON - A woman is suing United Airlines because its planes lack the medical equipment that she says could have saved her husband's life when he suffered a heart attack. 'I want to make United account-

able," Jamie Somes, 39, said in a newspaper interview. "They knew before that there was a problem and a need to update their medical kits. I hope they will wake up and take charge."

The lawsuit, filed Friday in federal court in Boston, may be the first to accuse an airline of failing to provide lifesaving medical care in flight.

Tony Molinaro, a spokesman for United Airlines, which is based in Elk Grove Village, İllinois, said Sunday the airline was examining "what the right medical equipment for the aircraft should be.

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He declined to comment on the law-

Steven Somes, a 37-year-old mutualfund manager on a business trip, was sitting in the first-class cabin of a United flight from Boston to San Francisco in October 1995 when he had the heart

He had been given a clean bill of in critical care medicine, when he health by a family doctor not long be-

The flight had medical equipment required by the Federal Aviation Administration, including a blood pressure cuff, a stethoscope and medicine for acute allergic reactions.

Mrs. Somes's lawsuit contends that the plane should have been equipped with a portable defibrillator, which delivers a strong electric shock that can restore a normal heart rhythm during some cases of cardiac arrest.

The lawsuit says that although the medical emergency kit "may have complied with certain minimum requirements, it was inadequate to treat a sud-

den cardiac event such as that suffered by Mr. Somes.' Mr. Somes was in the company of three physicians, including a specialist

suffered the attack. The specialist, Dr. Paul Covington of North Carolina, directed an attempt to

save Mr. Somes's life. But he has said the plane was missing some of the tools most commonly used by paramedics in cases of cardiac ar-

Many airlines of other countries carry more extensive medical kits, and several — including Qantas Airways, Virgin Atlantic Airways and Air Zimbabwe carry defibrillators.

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# TRAVEL UPDATE

# **Tokyo Airport Shelled**

NARITA, Japan (Reuters) - Explosions at Tokyo's main international airport at Narita slightly wounded one per-son on Monday and prompted airport officials to temporarily shut down the to strike all day next Monday. runway, the airport police said.

The police said that colleagues in the traffic controllers planned to strike Chiba Prefecture force found a launching device in a parking lot behind a hotel near the airport.

Two projectiles were fired at the airport around 8:45 P.M., hitting the paved apron near the hangars. An airport employee was hit by shrapnel and suffered minor wounds. No group immediately took responsibility for the attack.

### Week of Italian Strikes

ROME (AFP) - A series of strikes affecting Italian rail and air transport started Monday and will continue until next Monday, according to unions.

### of Samarinda, an Indonesian provincial capital. Fires were spotted in East Kalimantan province last week, raising fears of another wave of the thick smog that plagued parts of Southeast Asia last

Heavy snowfall snarled traffic in eastern Bulgaria and cut power to about 200 villages, officials said Monday. The snowfall was worst in the town of Yambol, 300 kilometers east of Sofia. (AP)

On Monday, train station chiefs went

on strike from noon to 2 P.M. Another

strike; this time of all railroad employ-

ees, has been called for Saturday at 9

P.M. for 24 hours. And unions have

called upon all railroad office workers

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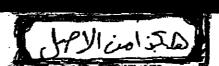
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# FLO Skips 'Texas Closer |

AUSTIN, Texas - Karla Paye Tucker, a convicted killer who is scheduled Tuesday to become the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War, moved a step closer to that fate Monday when the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected pleas for clemency.
The board's chairman, Victor Rodriguez, said that 16 of 18 board

members voted against commuting her sentence to life in prison. There were two abstentions.

Ms. Tucker, 38, is to die by lethal injection Tuesday evening at a state prison in Huntsville for the 1983 pickax murder of two people from Houston. She sought a reprieve on grounds that she is now religious and no longer a

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U.S. Supreme Court decision allowed U.S. Supreme tof the death penalty. the reinstatement of the death penalty.

1. Governor George Bush could order a 30-day stay of the execution and ask the board to reconsider the case, but Mr. Rodriguez all but closed the door on that possibility by saying this would be the last review for Ms. Tucker.

· The Texas board has never voted to commute a death sentence and Mr. Bush has never delayed an execution. Last year, 37 men were put the Pales and spells the most in the nation and the most in the

state's history.

The board's decision meant that almost certainly her fate was now in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court, where Ms. Tucker's attorneys filed an appeal last week seeking a stay of execution. They charged that the Texas clemency process was flawed.

Mr. Rodriguez said the board's decision had been made without regard to her sex. In the end, it was the crime itself Exercise the Presents that sealed her fate, he said.

. "I think the horrible nature of the case carried a lot of weight," he said.
"It's not a pretty case to look at."

Ms. Tucker and her boyfriend, Daniel Garrett, were convicted for killing Jerry Dean and Deborah Thornton with a pickax during a burglary. Ms. Thornton was found with the tool plunged into her body. Ms. Tucker confessed to the crime, but said she and Mr. Garrett, who was sentenced to death but died of liver discase, had been using drugs for days.

1 Ms. Tacker's cause has been taken up bye religious groups led by Pat Robertson, the television evangelist, and anti-death penalty groups. Pope John Paul II sent a letter to Mr. Bush urging clemency, as did the European The last woman executed in Texas

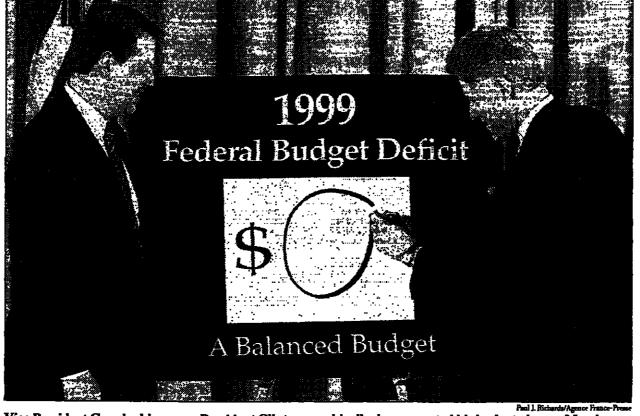
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WASHINGTON - The most in-

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Vice President Gore looking on as President Clinton graphically demonstrated his budget plan on Monday.

# Unwavering, Gore Blazes Own Trail

By David S. Broder Vaskington Post Service

LOS ANGELES - When Monica Lewinsky's taped sex and cover-up allegations against President Bill Clinton became public Jan. 21, Vice President Al Gore told his chief of staff, Ron Klain, to issue a simple command to everyone in the office: Do your job. Don't worry about things you can't control.

On a three-day California swing that concluded with his return to Washington on Sunday, Mr. Gore lived by the precept he had laid down. He worked conscientiously, and often enthusiastically, through a packed schedule of events that advanced the Clinton administration domestic agenda and, not so incidentally, strengthened his own ties with constituencies that will be important to him when he seeks the presidency in 2000.

He never faltered in his concentration on the matters at hand or in his avoidance of Topic A: what type of relationship Mr. Clinton had with Ms. Lewinsky. And while he is playing the loyal deputy role to the hilt, he is also assiduously exploiting the opportunities Mr. Clinton has created for him, by promoting programs of importance to major Democratic voting blocs and building alliances of his own in business circles that in the past have been Republican territory.

Mr. Gore is happy to hand out treats from the Clinton budget to one and all. On Saturday, he gave Mayor Richard Riordan of Los Angeles and a passel of other city and state offici that parts of Los Angeles have been designated as "empowerment zones," entitling them to tax breaks and other federal assistance. Via satellite, he did the same thing with Mayor Michael White of Cleveland.

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affirmative action in California and

compared Governor Pete Wilson to

Southern governors of the 1960s who

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ition 209, approved by California

voters in November 1996, which struck

down affirmative action preferences

for women and minorities in the award

of state government contracts and in

sought to build a coalition to restore

that the radical resegregation of schools and reduction of opportunities

is the wave of the future and can't be

stopped," he said Sunday in Pas-

"This attempt to resegregate schools based upon class and reduced

opportunity is not good for Amer-

ident Bill Chinton's comeback amid a

sex and perjury investigation could be short-lived: "This is a long, long

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Since late last year, Mr. Jackson has

'People must not get the impression

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affirmative action.

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migration matters are moving toward a Orval Faubus of Arkansas and Gov-plan to abolish the Immigration and ernor George Wallace of Alabama, Naturalization Service, saying they are Mr. Jackson said, "Now Wilson

Wallace did.

With Mr. Clinton's blessing, Mr. Gore has used his supervisory role in the 'empowerment' program to cement alliances with more than a dozen big city mayors who were not previously his pals. That will come in handy if the House minority leader, Richard Gephardt of Missouri, or another urban liberal Democrat challenges him for the

On the tour, he also held budgetpreview events that linked him with health researchers, school people, law enforcement officials and other such groups. He met with union leaders, Latino community spokesmen and Jew-ish notables, all of whom play a key part in the politics of California and all of whom have business to transact with the

Perhaps more important for the future, Mr. Gore held three closed-door conversations of a couple hours each with small groups of people from the high-tech world: venture capitalists who finance start-up companies, men and women who are pushing the frontiers of alternative energy and biological research, and the young multimedia innovators of Hollywood.

He calls them his "Goretechs," and after a dozen such meetings across the country in the past year, they number in the hundreds. Fascinated since his Harvard days by the intersection of science and technology with public policy, Mr. Gore has impressed the successful postindustrial pioneers with the seriousness of his interest in, and knowledge of, their world. In turn, Mr. Gore has begun to lure many of them into discussions of education, urban problems and national security.

One of them, Arthur Levinson, the chief executive officer of Genentech Inc., hailed Mr. Gore at the company headquarters on Thursday as a man who "20 years before others, saw the potential in computers and, as a member of the House, held the first congressional hearings on biotechnology." He added, "He is the proud patron of

For Mr. Gore, whose enthusiasm for

the high-tech-driven New Economy and understanding of the science and technology behind it are probably unmatched among boomer politicians, this is a made-to-order constituency.

Significantly, it was one of the Goretechs who raised the only question the vice president heard all weekend about Mr. Clinton's situation. As participants in the closed-door meeting Friday in San Jose later recalled, one executive asked toward the end of their futuristic dialogue with Mr. Gore, 'Why isn't Washington talking about these issues instead of all this other

Mr. Gore replied: "We just have to let this other thing run its course.'

# After Castro, What Then?

### Cuban Leader's Brother Prepares to Step In

By Larry Rohter New York Times Service

HAVANA — Three months after his older brother Fidel formally named him as his eventual successor, Raul Castro appears to be assuming a wider range of official duties and playing a more prominent role in the running of the Cuban government and the Communist Party, Cuban officials and foreign diplomats say.

A military colleague of the younger Mr. Castro was recently put in charge of a major ministry, and other allies have been named to the streamlined Communist Party Central Committee and its Polithuro.

Those and other recent developments suggest, a diplomat here said, "that Fidel has finally begun to prepare for the day when he will no longer be on stage.

Another diplomat said: "Above all. Fidel wants continuity and an orderly transition. He is certainly not ready to abandon power any time soon, but he wants to be sure the house is in order when that day comes, and he thinks the best way to do that is to gradually expand Raul's responsibilities."

Though never discussed in Cuba's tate-controlled press except to accuse Cuba's enemies of fomenting disin-formation, the question of Fidel Castro's health and succession has become a subject of much speculation

The Cuban leader has appeared thinner and grayer in public appearances over the last year, including during the recent visit of Pope John Paul II, and his speech is slower.

At 66, Raul Castro is five years younger than Fidel. There is also a third brother, Ramon, the eldest. Although he won a legislative seat in elections last month, Ramon is not a significant factor in party or govern-

Raul Castro has been his brother's most trusted confident and second in command since the two came to power in 1959; he currently occupies the key posts of defense minister and deputy general secretary of the Communist Party. But it was not until the party congress held in October that Fidel Castro formally designated Raul as his successor as Communist Party

country and commander in chief of the armed forces, and it is assumed that Raul would inherit those positions as well.

Fidel Castro is also president of the

'We have to guarantee the revolution," Fidel Castro said in his clos-

ing speech to more than 1,500 party

In addition, the Cuban leader referred to his younger brother as his relevo. The term has a primarily military meaning, that of a new commander, but is also applied in baseball

to describe a relief pitcher. 'Raul has more youth and more energy than me," the Cuban leader said. "He has more time ahead of

Since the October congress, Raul Castro has taken on a role that is more visible and more varied.

In November, he embarked on his first publicly acknowledged trip abroad of this decade, making a two-week tout of China to acquaint himself with economic changes there and, with details of the Pope's visit to Cuba then being worked out, stopping in Rome on his way back to meet with Vatican officials and to tour the Sistine Chapel.

Certain other officials close to Fidel Castro have also seen their roles gradually expand in recent times. The economy czar, Carlos Lage, for instance, now supervises much of the day-today administration of government.
But to the United States, any gov-

ernment that Raul Castro might head is merely an extension of the current oneparty state. The Helms-Burton Act of 1996, which widened U.S. economic sanctions against Cuba, specifically states that the embargo, now 37 years old, will be rescinded only when "a transition government in Cuba is in power," one that "does not include Fidel Castro or Raul Castro.

At a news conference here last week, Michael Ranneberger, director of the State Department's office of Cuban affairs, minimized the importance of Raul Castro's enhanced role and discounted the prospect of any shift of policy if he should take power. "The Cubans have made clear for some time that that was the plan," he said.

But Latin American and European diplomats here say they detect certain subtle differences of approach and attitude between the two brothers. Raul, they maintain, is more pragmatic than Fidel on economic issues, but perhaps even more dogmatic on ideological questions.

Even as young men, the diplomats point out, Raul Castro was drawn earlier and with more conviction to the principles of the Communist Party. But Raul Castro is also said to have

pushed for economic reforms in 1993, when the economic crisis that followed the collapse of the communist bloc and the loss of Soviet subsidies threatened to bring Cuba to its knees.

### fidavit she signed Jan. 7, in which she By Brian Knowlton denies having had a sexual relationship International Herald Tribun

WASHINGTON - The grand jury hearing allegations linking President Bill Clinton to a former intern took the day off Monday after an exceptionally busy week. The firestorm of media attention around the charges continued to cool.

The jury met every day last week, apparently the first time it had deviated from a twice-weekly schedule, and heard testimony from ranking White House figures. Monday, for the first time in 11 days,

William Ginsburg, the lawyer for the former intern, Monica Lewinsky, was absent from the nation's television screens. In a remarkable span of threeand-a-half hours Sunday, he appeared on five major network talk shows. He is to accompany Ms. Lewinsky to California in the next few days to visit her father.

Mr. Ginsburg said Sunday that Ms. Lewinsky would be willing to take a polygraph examination if the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, promised not to charge her with lying in the afwith Mr. Clinton.

That affidavit was reportedly contradicted on secret tapes of conversations with Ms. Lewinsky recorded by Linda Tripp, a former colleague.

John Whitehead, president of the Rutherford Institute, a conservative Virginia-based group that is financing the legal defense of Paula Jones, on Monday delivered to Mr. Starr's office both the Lewinsky affidavit, which was made in the Jones sexual harassment case, and a transcript of the Jan. 17 deposition in which Mr. Clinton reportedly denied a sexual relationship with the former intern.

Newsweek magazine reported Monday that Mr. Clinton also swore in the deposition that he never met alone with Ms. Lewinsky after she left the White House for a Pentagon job in April 1996, and that she said the same in her affidavit. That could be significant if reports that the two met in the White House on Dec. 28 are confirmed. Mr. Starr told reporters Monday, "We're continuing to move forward," but he declined, again, to offer any

Major Players in Clinton Drama Take a Breather

White House officials have had no comment on the matter in recent days. Lawyers for the president hope to meet with prosecutors from Mr. Starr's office this week to discuss their response to the far-reaching subpoenas he has issued for logs of White House visitors and phone calls, as well as other

asked her to lie about it under oath. ■ Ginsburg on Clinton and Israel Well before he began softening his tone toward President Clinton this week, Mr. Ginsburg was quoted in an Israeli newspaper interview as saying that, as Jews, neither he nor his client

material. Mr. Starr is investigating al-

legations that Mr. Clinton had a sexual

relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, then

wanted to topple a president friendly to Israel, The New York Times reported from Jerusalem. Yedioth Ahronoth, Israel's largest mass-circulation daily, published an in-terview with Mr. Ginsburg last Tuesday

that highlighted the Jewish faith of both the lawyer and Ms. Lewinsky.

In an introduction to the interview. the newspaper's correspondent in New York, Tzadok Yehezkeli, wrote that Mr. Ginsburg agreed to talk to him by saying, "You're a Jew, I'm a Jew, so why

Asked whether Ms. Lewinsky sought the downfall of Mr. Clinton, Mr. Ginsburg was quoted as replying: "Absolutely not. We are both supporters of Clinton and appreciate his positions and policy toward Israel. Clinton is very positive toward Israel and the Jews, and Monica and I are Jews. But we can't decide what will happen as a result of her testimony."

Responding to another question about how the scandal was affecting him. Mr. Ginsburg was quoted as say-

ing:
"I'm torn, because I'm concerned about the fate of the presidency in our democracy now, and I don't want the president to resign. Who knows who will come after Clinton and what his attitude to Israel will be.

# Clinton's Budget Leans On a Tobacco Settlement

### More Than \$65 Billion From Pending Deal Will Be Needed to Prop Up Package of Initiatives

By Alison Mitchell New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The \$1.7 trillion budget unveiled Monday by President Bill Clinton is built on a grand political bargain: Appealing new programs are linked to congressional approval of the national tobacco settlement.

The president's strategy is also a grand gamble. A significant share of his initiatives would be financed with tobacco funds — \$65.5 billion over five years - even though the Republicancontrolled Congress has yet to enact the \$368.5 billion tobacco settlement. The deal's prospects are far from certain.

But the budget, as described by ad-ministration officials, is constructed to set up political trade-offs that Mr. Clinton can use to urge Congress, with its Republican majority, into action. Tobacco funds would pay for these

initiatives: • The states would get \$1.2 billion in

the new fiscal year and \$7.5 billion over five years in grants for child care and child development programs.

• School districts and states would get

\$1.1 billion in the next fiscal year and \$7.3 grade and third-grade class sizes.

billion over five years to hire 100,000 teachers and reduce first-grade, second-• An effort to enroll more lower income children in Medicaid, the federal health insurance program for the poor,

would be financed with \$900 million

over five years.

• The Food and Drug Administration, the nation's watchdog on food and drug safety, would get \$1.2 billion over

five years. • At the National Institutes of Health, more than \$25 billion in research funds over five years are pegged to tobacco money. The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention would get \$400 million over the same period to fight smoking.

• An extra \$800 million would pay

for trials of cancer therapies among Medicare patients. In addition, \$22.3 billion in tobacco

money would go to the states over five years to use as they see fit, to anti-smoking programs and to tobacco farmers. Mr. Clinton could have chosen another avenue to pay for many of these

programs. For the first time since the federal fiscal year of 1969, the government expects to run a surplus. Govemment officials said the new budget envisions a \$9.5 billion surplus next year, growing to a cumulative \$218.7 billion surplus in the year 2003. But the president's decision to use

tobacco funds to bankroll \$65.5 billion in federal programs over that five-year period is one of the devices he used to propose new spending while preserving the surplus. The surplus, Mr. Clinton has said, will be devoted to shoring up the

Social Security system.

Even if Congress ultimately fails to enact the tobacco deal, thereby killing the president's new programs, Democrats can come away with a potent polit-

ical issue, Mr. Clinton's aides said. They will accuse the Republicans of favoring the tobacco industry over children and health.

"This year this Congress has a choice to make," said Rahm Emanuel, Mr. Clinton's semor adviser. "They can either stand shoulder-to-shoulder with corporate tobacco and their profits or protect our children and ensure their health and safety."

Republicans, who receive far more in campaign contributions from the tobacco industry than do Democrats, are angry over the trap that Mr. Clinton has set for them. Pete Domenici of New Mexico, the

Senate Budget Committee chairman, said it would be "speculative" for Mr. Clinton to count on the tobacco money.

Mr. Clinton's aides say his assumption that \$65.5 billion can be raised from the tobacco industry is consistent with a call he made last year for a \$1.50 perpack increase in cigarette prices over a. decade to discourage teenage smoking.

But just as Mr. Clinton has neverproposed any legislation to put the tobacco settlement in place, his budget is 1 silent on whether the money should be raised through a cigarette tax or industry penalties or voluntary payments. That decision is left to Congress.

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missteps at the agency.

The lawmakers, senior House and
Senate Republicans who head subcommittees that oversee the agency's missions and financing, have been gal-vanized by a federal advisory panel's recommendation to disband the 107year-old immigration service and assign its duties to other agencies. A bipartisan bill in the House to transfer all enforcement and inspection responsibilities to a new office in the Justice Department is gaining momentum, and a second, more sweeping, House bill is being written. Senior Clinton administration officials fear that Republicans will attack the agency to energize support in border states like California and Texas which have large immigrant populations, before the elections in November. The administration is expected to strongly oppose any plan to dismantle Jackson Says Wilson George Stephanopoulos, the former White House aide, warning that Pres-Blocks 'School Door' LOS ANGELES — Calling oppo-neuts of affirmative action "dream good week, but it's not over." (NYT) **Away From Politics** Square Park against the city's use of ers argued that surveillance cameras

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# Legal Ethnic Cleansing Keeps Sarajevo Muslim

### Laws Hinder Return of Minority Refugees

By R. Jeffrey Smith

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina-Several times a month, Borislav and Dusanka Birg walk past their apartment in this city and sadly shake their heads. Having fled on the eve of war in 1992 with just one piece of luggage, they have been trying to reclaim their home for more than two years.

Of Croatian and Serbian descent in a city that is now 87 percent Muslim, the Birgs have run into a mass of red tape and not-so-subtle discrimination from local authorities. Their application to reclaim their home was refused, their appeal was ignored, and when they tried to occupy their apartment anyway, soldiers briefly choked Dusanka Birg and then ejected the couple.

- The two-bedroom unit is the only vacant one of 12 in a refurbished building. Its dark windows and decrepit interior, foreign officials here say, are symbolic of the Bosnian government's failure to implement repeated pledges to foster the rebirth of a multiethnic society. As one United Nations official who has been pressing for action asserted, the city is tough on Dusanka

'It's goal is to keep them from coming back," he added.

An examination of the Birg case and many similar ones suggests that, by wide consent, ethnic cleansing in this country continues - except that it is now accomplished by legal means instead of armed conflict.

After the war ended in 1995, the two newly established political entities in Bosnia — the Serb Republic and the Muslim-Croat federation — each enacted laws and regulations meant to freeze communal concentrations and obstruct the return of minority refugees to their prewar homes.

The effort has been largely successful Less than 9 percent of the 400,000 refugees who have returned to their homes since 1995 are minorities in their immediate communities. As a result, postwar migration patterns have mostly reinforced the war's impact complicating the West's aim of turning back the clock to prewar integration.

. Foreign frustration with these obstacles has reached a boiling point. At U.S. urging and with the support of the international community's high representative in Bosnia, a one-day conference will be convened here Tuesday to bankers was not as surprising as it might spotlight the failure of the government to allow — much less promote — minority resettlement.

- The conferees will set a series of short -deadlines for the government to adopt new laws, resolve dozens of housing disputes and permit thousands of minority refugees to return to Sarajevo. To ensure that the message is heard, U.S. and European diplomats at the confer- are contaminated experts say. ence also plan to threaten a cutoff of tens "With money-laundering, dirty of millions of dollars in aid to Sarajevo if money flows downhill," said Stanley

- The goal is make a showplace of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Net- other overseas financial centers are only jurisdiction even when they have branch much of the dirty money in London. capital city, whose prewar population -was roughly 50 percent Muslims, 27 percent Serbs, and 7 percent Croats.

'Sarajevo is what it's all about.'' said Andy Bearpark, a British diplomat who is deputy high representative for reconstruction and return. "If you get that right, you get a multiplier effect. This conference is meant to raise the political

- The principal obstacle to allowing minority refugees to return is a 1995 Bosnian law that gave former residents two weeks to reclaim their homes after the Dec. 22 cease-fire that year, a tight deadline at a time when factional hostility was still high. If they did not meet it, their property was declared abandoned and given to someone else. Bevause the law was never publicized outside the country, hundreds of thousands of minority refugees are now without legal recourse.

The Bosnian Parliament has also voted to deny refugees the right to return to thousands of apartments owned by the Yugoslav Army before the war by nullifying contracts for the sale of those apartments to their prewar inhabitants. The Bosnian Army has declared many of the apartments abandoned and transferred them to favored war veterans.

UN aid workers here can tick off dozens of cases of Serbs or Croats abused by arbitrary regulations, such as that of one man whose documents were not accepted because they were in the Cyrillic lettering commonly used by Serbs. Many were barred because they appeared on the wrong day to pick up keys; others were told officially that their homes were uninhabitable, even though

"People are asked to run after documents and papers for which there is no basis in the law." said Pandurevic Mladen, vice president of the local Serbian Civic Council. "When we find out and make pressure, they back off but always make up something else."

The Bosnian government "has basic-ally closed" Sarajevo through its prop-erty laws and has been "dancing around" to avoid amending those laws, said the U.S. special envoy on Bosnia, Robert Gelbard, who conceived the conference.

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pressed strong reservations on Monday about videotape pictures published by

British newspapers of a white car they

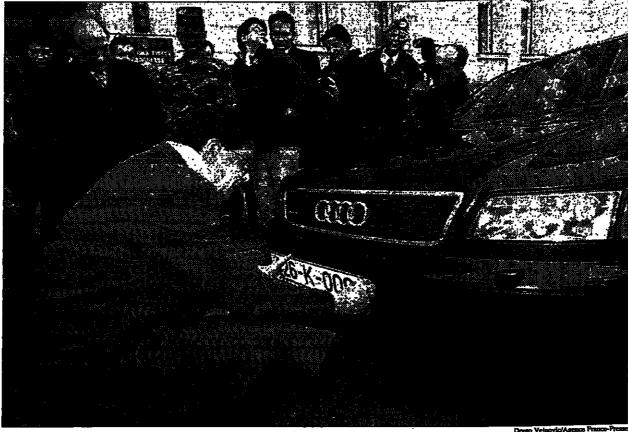
Government officials here acknowledge making mistakes, but say that UN and American officials exaggerate them. Mirza Hajric, an adviser to President Alija Izetbegovic, said housing disputes had arisen from government inefficiency and because there were simply not enough apartments.

The problem is that 30 percent of the housing was destroyed and 15,000 foreigners are living here" to administer aid programs, Mr. Hajric said.

He conceded, however, that the squeeze resulted in part from the fact that multiple dwelling units have come under the control of owners who had just one unit before the war.

One such case involves Margarit Tomik, a well-known singer from Sarajevo. She left during the war to perform benefit concerts. When she returned a senior aide to Mr. Izetbegovic had taken over her apartment and her art collection.
"That story has been around and

around," said Mr. Hajric. "I agree it is a horrible case, but all these human-rights people talk about the same cases, and it seems like there are more" than really



Hans Schumacher, deputy UN envoy for Bosnia, adjusting new plates Monday on a car of the Serb Republic in Banja Luka. The plates do not indicate the vehicle's origin, which is expected to aid freedom of movement.

# Money-Laundering: Now Global, and Piling Up

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financial officers responsible for

had received inadequate training

By Jack Nelson Los Angeles Times

LONDON - John Moscow, the harddriving, tough-talking assistant district attorney for New York, sent shivers through British financial circles last year when he declared here that his office might begin filing criminal charges against overseas bank employees who fail to spot and report money-laundering schemes involving U.S. and foreign banks.

British banking executives furned. The New York prosecutor, they said, had no right to threaten citizens and institutions mote to the other countries. The British Bankers public. Association and individual bankers accused the United States of arrogantly assuming extraterritorial powers.

But the Bank of England warned British financiers that, whatever they might think about it, the uncompromising U.S. attitude toward money-laundering was a fact they would ignore at their peril.

The bank's refusal to side with British seem. Money-laundering --- manipulating money to disguise its criminal origins — has become global in scope.

Once confined to Switzerland and the Caribbean countries, cleansing the fruits of crime has become a highly profitable growth industry almost everywhere. And everywhere money is laundered, honest businesses and government institutions

work. And it brings organized crime and other problems with it, he added.

Part of the difficulty in combating money-laundering is simple human greed. For unscrupulous bankers, the temptation to reap profits by servicing the enormous amounts of money gushing from drug trafficking and other crimactivity

More than that, the issue can seem reweapons used against money-laundering

resistible.

are the dusty tools of bookhigh-tech gadgets or eye-catching SWAT team raids.

A larger problem, officials say, is that the steps needed to detect and thwart change attitudes is mounting as well. And money-laundering collide with long-es- the American prosecutor's threat, which tablished rules and deeply ingrained at-reflects an increasingly tough U.S. attitudes inside the banking industry about titude toward money-laundering, is be-customers privacy. Bankers tend to balk ginning to be taken seriously by British at looking too closely into the activities bankers. Since his remarks, Mr. Moscow of their customers.

'I'm not looking for a squabble,'' Mr. Moscow said, but "money-laundering is a problem and banking secrecy is a big thing. There are some people who think there should be banking secrecy and no questions asked. I disagree.

part of the problem. "I'm not conceding the money-laundering title to London. We do more of it in New York," he said. "But we're not going to tolerate our bad guys moving money from New York to

London banks and using that to say they are out of our jurisdiction. vey was pub-lished show-A survey shows that, in London

ing that, in London alone, one in bank or other financial ofreporting suspicious transactions ficers responsible for reporting suspicious transactions to the authorities had

to meet obligations to do so. keeping and financial reporting — not received inadequate training to meet legal obligations to do so.

As the problems spawned by illegal money multiply, however, pressure to said, his office "absolutely has received more cooperation from London banks.'

If U.S. officials see growing recognition of the problem and greater willingness to adopt new strategies against it, they say problems remain. For example,

banks in New York, is unacceptable. Britain has particular problems. By some estimates, as much as \$500 million generated by criminal activities - notably drug smuggling and Russian organized crime - pulses through London financial institutions daily, and British police officials say the presence of so much dirty money is corrupting the

country's law enforcement agencies. "Money has been pouring into London from Russia and Eastern Europe, and it's estimated that about \$500 million is being laundered in the city at all times," said Bryan West, vice president of Citibank and former superintendent of the London Metropolitan Police.

British banks and financial institutions are required to report suspicious financial transactions to the National Criminal Intelligence Service, which plays a major role in combating money-laundering in Britain. The number of disclosures per year has increased from 600 when it came into being in 1987 to 16,125 in 1996. Officials estimate that 1997 disclosures totaled more than 18,000.

Police officials here have expressed concern that the presence of so much 'dirty money" is having a corrupting influence on the London police. Before retiring recently as director-general of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, Albert Pacey warned that millionaire criminals increasingly were trying to corrupt or compromise the city's detectives. A huge increase in the smuggling of

Mr. Moscow said that "the position of the heroin, mostly from Turkey and North-

# German States Ponder Policy Of Deportation Of Algerian

BONN — A plan to halt deportations of Algerian refugees from Germany to their homeland appeared unlikely to gain the necessary support from state interior ministers meeting in Bonn on Monday. Some of Germany's 16 states earlier this month placed a temporary ban on deporting Algerians after the recent escalation of violence in the North African

But unless the temporary ban is translated into a formal, countrywide halt in deportations at the meeting of state ministers, it expires immediately and individual states will no longer be able to delay deportations.

The large southern state of Bavaria said before the talks it would not give its support to the plan, instead backing the line taken by the federal authorities in Bonn, that deportations must continue on a case-by-case basis.

The Bavarian interior minister, Guenther Beckstein, said Germany would become "the No. 1 refugee country" if a blanket ban on deportations was agreed. Germany "would yet again take the full burden," Mr. Beckstein said in a radio

interview, referring to Bonn's acceptance of some 350,000 refugees from Bosnia more than the number taken in by the rest of the European Union put together. Germany has an Algerian population of around 17.500.

### ■ U.S. Toll Report Denounced

Algeria on Monday denounced a State Department report that claimed 70,000 had died in the Algerian violence since 1992, saying the report was flawed by a notable lack of exactitude," Agence France-Presse reported from Algiers.

An Algerian Foreign Ministry spokesman quoted by the official APS press agency said the actual death toll from the violence was 26,536.

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## Greek Farmers Block Highway

ATHENS - Farmers moved to block Greece's main north-south highway with thousands of tractors Monday to protest the government's

economic austerity program.

In a parallel protest, civil servants staged a rally outside Parliament in Athens to oppose a new law that will slash pay benefits.

The two sets of protests were part of a wave of anti-government strikes that have engulfed Greece for more than a week. (Reuters)

# **Madrid Reports** Arrests of ETA Unit

MADRID - The Interior Ministry said Monday that it had broken up the support network for a unit of the separatist organization ETA after a series of arrests last week.

Nine people arrested last Tuesday in raids across northern and eastern Spain were directly or indirectly linked to attacks by the Vizcaya unit of ETA, the ministry said in a statement. ETA is a Basquelanguage acronym for Basque Homeland and Liberty. The arrests had "almost totally"

broken up the Vizcaya commando, the statement said.

# Britain to Reduce Blood-Alcohol Limit

LONDON - The British govemment said Monday that it planned to introduce harsher laws against drunken driving in a bid to reduce the more than 500 alcoholrelated deaths that occur annually on the country's roads.

Among the measures being con-sidered is a reduction of the drinkdrive limit to the equivalent of about a pint of beer or two small glasses of

The cut, to 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood from the current 80 milligrams, might spare 50 lives and about 250 serious injuries annually, the government said in a document. The document also suggested an increase in the powers of the police to stop vehicles and test drivers. (Reuters)

### Vatican to Examine Vienna Sex Case

VIENNA — The archbishop of Vienna who resigned in 1995 amida battery of sex allegations faces a

Vatican inquiry, his successor said. Hans Hermann Groer, 78, who had been archbishop since 1986, faces charges he sexually molested several people in the 1960s and 70s when he was a church official and theology traches.

theology teacher.

The new archbishop, Christoph
Schoenborn, confirmed Sunday that
the Vatican would "soon" carry

out an investigation.

After resigning, Monsignor Groer withdrew to a Benedictine abbey and kept a strict silence about the charges. The affair resurfaced last week when fresh charges of sexual abuse were leveled at him. (AFP)



President Vaciav Havel and his wife Dagmar, behind him, greeting well-wishers Monday outside Prague Castle.

# Havel Is Sworn In for Final Term in Prague

and final five-year term of office on Monday at a special joint session of

French Dismiss Car Videotape in Diana's Death

lished pictures of a white Citroen AX

parked outside the Ritz Hotel in Paris

on the night Diana died, saying it could be the "mystery" car French pros-ecutors have been searching for. But the police here said Monday that

said might have been involved in a collision with Diana's Mercedes shortly before the Princess of Wales was killed on Aug. 31.

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But the police here said Monday that only a white Fiat Uno could have been involved, in view of the technical examinations that had been carried out. The Mirror and the Daily Mail pub
But the police here said Monday that decoy Mercedes car similar to the one in which Diana was killed. They raised the possibility that the car could have realized it was chasing a decoy and switched to the one carrying Diana.

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dieval Vladislav Hall of Prague Castle, rounds of voting in the joint session to PRAGUE — President Vaciav Havel attended by Prime Minister Josef secure victory, eventually polling 99 votes, a majority of one among the 197 was officially sworn in for his second Tosovsky and his government, a 21-gun

salute echoed across the city.
Mr. Havel, 61, a former dissident playwright, was narrowly re-elected by Parliament on Jan. 20. He needed two

The Mirror and the Daily Mail said

the pictures of the four-door Citroen AX had been taken by an Australian couple

Both papers said the car had chased a decoy Mercedes car similar to the one

on holiday in the French capital.

The Republicans are challenging the validity of Mr. Havel's election in the constitutional court. The party's leader, Miroslav Sladek, ran against Mr. Havel

ing racial hatred.

Mr. Havel, who led the "Velvet Revolution" in 1989 that overthrew Communist rule in the former Czechoslovakia, has championed Czech efforts to join the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-

Under the constitution, this must be

his last term. The ceremony was boycotted by both the far-right Republican Party and by the Communists, but many other legislators were also absent.

but was not allowed to vote as he was in jail, awaiting trial on charges of spread-

nization and the European Union.

# China Refusing To Let Balloon Take a Shortcut

GENEVA — A team of European balloonists may be thwarted in their bid to complete a historic round-the-world trip because of a refusal by China to let them enter the country's airspace.
Team officials and British, Belgian

and Swiss diplomats were negotiating Monday in an effort to persuade officials in Beijing to allow the Breitling Orbiter 2 balloon to cross southern China.

If the Chinese do not grant permission within three days, the bid will fail because the balloon would have to detour and would not have enough fuel to cross the Pacific Ocean, said a spokesman at the team's Geneva control center.

"Everything depends on Chinese," said the spokesman. The balloon needs to fly over China to benefit from winds that would increase its speed toward the Pacific.

On Monday, the balloon was flying at around 65 kilometers an hour (40 miles an hour) over the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is moving toward southern Pakistan

and India, but the team would try to head for China almost immediately if permission were granted, said the spokes-It is not the first time the team has come up against political problems in its bid to be the first to orbit the globe by

balloon.

After diplomatic exchanges between the Swiss government, the International Committee of the Red Cross and authorities in Iraq, the balloon was allowed to fly over Iraq and on to Iran Sunday. The three-man crew was unable to contact air traffic control in Baghdad and spent 30 minutes in Iraqi airspace illegally before clearance was given.
U.S. authorities were also informed

that a balloon was crossing Iraq to avoid problems with any U.S. planes in the region, a spokesman said Sunday.

The silver balloon bearing the

Olympic logo passed through the part of Iraq designated as a "no-fly" zone by the United Nations but there were no

incidents, he said.

The crew of Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland, Wim Verstraeten of Belgium and Andy Elson of Britain set out in the balloon Wednesday from Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland.

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disappearance, airline offi-cials would not acknowledge buildup at the time the plane that it had crashed. But mountaineers set off at the 8,200foot (2,485-meter) Mount sengers, including five chil-Balanican to look for Cebu Pacific Air flight 387.

. The Cebu Pacific plane was on a flight from Manila to five foreign-sounding names Cagayan de Oro, about 800 kilometers (500 miles) south of the capital, when it dis- said, adding that two of the -appeared after a stopover at passengers had been con-

er forced them to halt the was at 11,000 feet and 37

"I think we are 80 percent sure that that is the crash chief air traffic controller at Cagayan de Oro airport.

He said residents of a village on a foothill of the volcano had reported hearing "a very loud explosion " near the mountains' summit shortly before 11 A.M., about the each other. time the plane was last heard

Airline officials said the plane radioed ground control cent to Cagayan de Oro air-

Local officials in nearby Claveria later reported seeing said. smoke coming from what they believed was the crash

Chris Datu, said in Cagayan killing about 50 people. de Oro that it had seen no

Philippines — A Philippine
DC-9 aircraft with 104 people
aboard disappeared Monday,
and an airport official said it
appeared to have crashed into

Was to resume Tuesoay.

Cebu Pacific's general
manager, Diego Garrido,
asked about reports that the
plane had struck a mountain,
said, "It is a possibility but we cannot confirm that.

The manager of Cagayan Ten hours after the plane's de Oro's airport, Amirul Durwas to have landed.

The plane carried 99 pasdren, and five crew members, airline officials said.

"There are about four or on the manifest and possibly one Japanese," Mr. Garrido firmed as foreigners.

Airline officials said the

Cebu Pacific plane made its last contact Monday when it nautical miles from Cagayan

It was also in radio contact site," said Artemio Garcia, at the time with two other commercial planes flying

One airport worker told investigators that the Cebu Pacific plane's pilot and the pilot of one of the other planes "were speaking casually" to Cebu Pacific, which began

operations in March 1996, is one of several new airlines established after the Philipat 10:48 A.M. — 12 minutes pine government deregulated before it was to land - to say the aviation industry a few that it was preparing its des-cent to Cagavan de Oro air-49 percent by J.G. Summit Holdings, has had no previous accidents, airline officials

The last major air accident in the Philippines occurred in June 1987, when a Philippine But the commander of the Airlines plane crashed in the air force search team, Colonel northern part of the country.

(Reuters, AP)

### BRIEFLY

### Hun Sen Foes Are Released

PHNOM PENH — United Nations human-rights workers said Monday that they had obtained the release of seven political opponents of the Cambodian strongman,

The seven were arrested and illegally detained in southern Koh Kong Province. A UN official called the detentions "political arrests" aimed at "stymieing opposition" and intimidating activists in the rumup to na-

Two of the seven are women and members of the party of the ousted prime minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh. They were arrested Dec. 29 and held at a military base in Koh Kong, 200 kilometers (125 miles) southwest of Phnom Penh, a UN human-rights worker said. Five men, all Ranariddh supporters who were trying to return to Cambodia via the Gulf of Thailand, were arrested Jan. 21 and kept under guard in a house in Koh Kong, the rights

## China Detains 4 Poets for 'Plot'

BEIJING — Chinese security authorities have detained four poets in southwest China for allegedly plotting to overthrow the government, a source familiar with the case said Monday.

The four - Ma Zhe, 38; Wu Ruohai, 35; Xiong Jinren, 32, and Ma Qiang, 28 — were detained in Guiyang, capital of Guizhou Province, on Jan. 26 and 27. Security authorities told the family of one of the poets that the four faced charges of plotting to overthrow the government, the source said. "This is impossible," the source said. "It's ridiculous."

(Reuters)

# Manila and Rebels Set Accord

MANILA — The Philippine government and Communist rebels have concluded a human-rights accord, the first breakthrough in peace talks aimed at ending one of the world's longest Marxist insurgencies, a rebel leader said Monday.

The accord will be signed Sunday in the Netherlands, where the talks have been proceeding sporadically since 1992, said Jose Maria Sison, the rebels' chief political consultant. Two related agreements will also be signed.

The accord, called the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, is the first of four agreements the two sides hope to reach in a political settlement ending nearly three decades of insurgency. Details of the agreement, which commits both sides to respect human rights, were not immediately made public.

# Burmese-Thai Clash Over Isle

BANGKOK — Burmese troops fired on a Thai military plane that flew near a disputed island, the Bangkok

Both countries have soldiers on Manao Island, a small island in the Moei River that separates the Thai town of Mae Sot, 370 kilometers (230 miles) northwest of Bangkok, and the Burmese city of Myawaddy.

Mounting friction between the two countries over the island threatens to turn into the first armed confrontation between members of the Association of South East Asian

General Chetta Thanajaro, the Thai Army commander in chief, called for a mutual withdrawal of troops from the island, the Nation newspaper reported. It was not known how many soldiers either side has stationed there. (AP)

# For the Record

Twelve Japanese wives of North Koreans left Tokyo on Monday after a brief visit for their first family reunion in nearly four decades. It was the second visit of its kind. The first group of wives was allowed to come to Japan from North Korea in November after years of talks between Tokyo and the Communist state.

# ASIA/PACIFIC

# Queen Aside, Australians Start to Shape a New Republic

whether their nation should become a republic, with most delegates determined to drop Queen Elizabeth II as head of

Even Prime Minister John Howard, who is staunchly monarchist, said in opening the assembly that "the symbolism of Australia sharing number of nations is no

many other Commonwealth nations still recognizes Bristitutional change so the na-

tralians agree. Mr. Howard is opposed to model favored by the con-tain's monarch. vention to a national refer-

The Associated Press endum by the end of 1999. CANBERRA — Australi-That could allow an Australians opened a constitutional an head of state to open the convention Monday on Summer Olympics in Sydney in 2000.

What the convention must do is sort out how the nation can become a republic without upsetting the system of checks and balances on power that most Australians already favor.

More than 150 delegates, half elected, half appointed, its legal head of state with a gathered Monday for the two-week debate at the Old longer appropriate." Parliament House, where the
Australia has been indechairman sat in an English pendent since 1901, but like oak throne that was a gift from the British Parliament. Behind the lectern was Austain's queen as its head of tralia's flag, one-fourth of it state. Republicans want con- devoted to the Union Jack.

Monarchists insist the curtion can choose its own head rent system of government of state, and opinion polls has preserved the nation's show more than half of Aus-tralians agree.

democracy and prosperity since it became independent. Republicans say it is absurd a republic but promised in an that no Australian can hope election campaign that he to become head of state since would put any republican the post is reserved for Bri-

The queen's representa-



Mr. Howard, left, talking with the convention's republican deputy chairman, Barry Jones, on Monday.

acts in her stead, signing par- general is nominated by the liamentary bills and performing mainly ceremonial ted by the British monarch.

tive, the governor-general, functions. The governor-

prime minister and appoin-

the convention's 152 dele- in an open-minded congates favor having a repub-structive fashion and fail to lic, they are deeply divided do the job the Australian over what they want the gov- people have asked them to emment to look like and do, then the move to a recould still face defeat.

"Those who oppose change should say why." day. "Those who want show up to 73 percent of change should not only say Australians want the right to why, but should clearly ar- elect a president. ticulate what kind of republic

elected president to a "minliament appointing a ceremonial head of state.

Malcolm Turnbuil, head government. of the Australian Republican Movement, said Monday: 'We think it's been a very broadening of the support for lam without consulting the

must unite on a practical, exception traumatized Auspopular model.

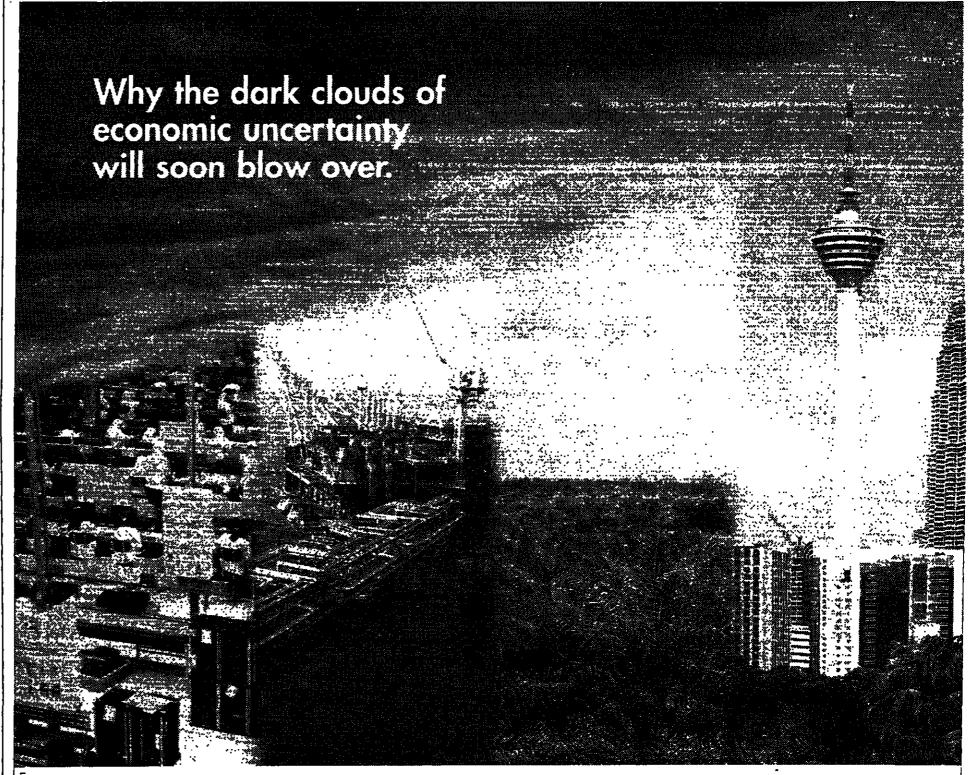
'If the delegates," Mr. on becoming a republic.

public will be delayed."

Mr. Tumbull's group prefers the "minimalist re-Mr. Howard declared Mon- public," but recent polls

Monarchists say that although the governor-general Proposals range from a has extraordinary power, insystem like that in the United cluding acting as command-States, with a powerful, er of the armed forces and having the right to dismiss imalist republic" with Par- High Court justices, in practice he acts only on the recommendations of the elected

General John Kerr dismissed the Labor government of successful day. It's clearly a Prime Minister Gough Whita republic. queen after the government
Earlier Monday, he had
warned that republicans on a budget bill. That notable tralians and revived debate



There have been dark clouds hovering over Malaysia lately. One such cloud has cleared... the haze. Yet when we were about to enjoy blue skies again, another dark cloud set in... economic uncertainty.

We Malaysians, however, expect this to clear too. In due time. With an optimism that is borne out of four decades of incredible economic growth the world has been witness to.

With the perseverance to make changes and sacrifices. With the wisdom of solid economic fundamentals to see us through. With the determination to do everything for the economy to bounce back.

> And bounce back we will. How can we be so bullish about it? Because we've overcome other adversities before. And we'll do it again.

**MALAYSIA Bullish on Bouncing Back** 











# Around Mexico's Zapatista Movement, Factions Hover on Brink of War By Julia Preston New York Times Service POLHO. Mexico — A rope is stretched across to muddy entrance to this hilliside village, and vary Indian men demand identify documents on all who wish to come in "The surrence of the hilliside village and vary Indian men demand identify documents on all who wish to come in "The surrence of the hilliside village and vary Indian men demand identify documents on all who wish to come in "The surrence of the hilliside village and vary Indian men demand identify documents on all who wish to come in "The surrence of the hilliside village and vary Indian men demand identify documents on all who wish to come in "The surrence of the hilliside village and vary Indian men demand identify documents. In April 1996-25 patists villages are varyed to the littlers, who control a varyed to the variety of the village and varyed to the variety of the v

POLHO, Mexico — A rope is stretched across the muddy entrance to this hillside village, and wary Indian men demand identity documents from all who wish to come in. The villagers. supporters of the Zapatista rebels, want to keep out anyone who sides with the Mexican government against the guerrilla army.

At another village a few miles up the road, angry Indian women who support the government have clustered to bar the way to anyone they suspect of favoring the Zapatistas. They send small barefoot children to huri stones at passing vehicles that might belong to Zapatista supporters.

This factional rancor exploded in December with the massacre of 45 unarmed Indian sym-pathizers of the Zapatistas. Since then, President Emesto Zedillo has come under pressure to renew lapsed talks with the Zapatista rebels to bring armed organizations to confront the guerrillas, peace to Chiapas State here in southern Mexico. sometimes with the support of state officials.

county and set up what they call an "auton-

omous" administration. The authorities here keep birth and death records, just like the official mayor who presides in the county seat down the road. That mayor is affiliated with the government's party, the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRL

The Zapanistas have set up alternative administrations in some 40 other Chiapas villages and have claimed broad swaths of jungle as "free

The growth of their insurgency, which began in 1994, has drawn fury from the established powers in Chiapas. Some anti-Zapatista groups formed

favored the Zapatistas, although they were not

part of their organization.

In the last two years, Mr. Zedillo allowed peace talks with Zapatista leaders to stall. Partial accords were reached in February 1996, but negotiations collapsed later that year. A cease-fire remains in effect. Zapatista fighters are permitted to keep their weapons until a final settlement is reached. Yet peace is much further away now than it was in 1994 when they staged a 12-day uprising, demanding broader rights for Indians. They have

grown from a few hundred poorly armed fighters isolated in jungle camps to a grass-roots move-ment in Indian communities throughout the state. Asserting that the governing party had won

elections by fraud, the Zapatistas held their own

laws. They negotiated help from private international aid organizations to care for several thousand refugees camped under sheets of plastic on dank bluffs around the village. The refugees were driven from their homes in purges by progovernment gunmen last fall.

They can't stand to see any Zapatistas anywhere, 'said a follower of the rebel army and official in Polho who did not want to give his full name. 'They want to take our coffee and land said a follower of the rebel army and an and live in our houses.'

Federal and state officials criticized the Zapatista townships but made no attempt to suppress them. But local governing party leaders were incensed at the challenge to their authority in a region where resources are so opponents.

backed by many Indians who had ties to the traditional power structure.

Although national leaders of the Institutional Revolutionary Party have denied that the party encourages violent tactics, at least one armed group in Chiapas had the public approval of the man who was then the governor, Julio Cesar Ruiz Ferro, a governing party politician. In August 1997 he gave \$575,000 in state social program money— a fortune in rural Chiapas— to the organization, named Development, Justice and Peace, The grant went forward even though the group

had long been accused by human rights monitors of harassing and sometimes killing government

# LAWYER: Colleagues Express Doubts

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In addition to facing potential perjury charges for the affidavit, Ms. Lewinsky could also face obstruction-of-justice charges arising from, among other things, the "talking points" she provided to Ms. Tripp to make in her Jones and other efforts to keep Ms. Tripp from testifying in the Jones case.

Since the existence of Ms. Lewinsky's tape-recorded conversations was first reported Jan. 21, Mr. Ginsburg has Press" (twice) to "Dateline" to "20/ 20." for a total of at least 13 guest

appearances on interview shows.

The airwaves carry up-to-the minute bulletins about the progress of Mr. Ginsburg's negotiations with Mr. Starr over whether Ms. Lewinsky should receive immunity from prosecution in return for cooperating with Mr. Starr.

And that was before Sunday, when Mr. Ginsburg — who by his own admission had not yet returned a Saturday night phone call from Mr. Starr's office appeared on all five major Sunday political talk shows even as he proclaimed: "This is it, folks. This is my last round of Sunday shows. This thing has gotten out of hand.'

As surprising as Mr. Ginsburg's omnipresence have been the statements be has made as he has conducted an extraordinary public negotiation with Mr. Starr over immunity:

The blithe confirmation that his client is the target of a grand jury investigation. The elliptical double hypothetical — "If the president of the United States did this -and I'm not saying that he did - with this young lady, I think he's a miso-

The assertion that his client is standcaveat Mr. Ginsburg has retracted. The well as he did." statement that, if there are witnesses to intimate encounters between the pres- School professor who represented the and Egypt from 1958 to 1961. ident and Ms. Lewinsky, "I may have to former boxing champion in his losing renew my negotiating in a different

The confirmation of key details in the name of clarification: that the president gave Ms. Lewinsky "a long T-shirt," rather than a dress, or that the two spoke on the telephone but did not have

Mr. Ginsburg confirmed Sunday that his client owns a share of a condominiam in Australia, thereby lending credence to reports that she offered it to Ms. Tripp in exchange for Ms. Tripp's silence in the Jones sexual harassment

He pooh-poohed suggestions that a lawyer might have written the "talking points" Ms. Lewinsky gave to Ms. Tripp for her affidavit in the Jones case -"They don't look like lawyer words to result of that."

me" — thereby casting more suspicion on Ms. Lewinsky herself as the author of a document that could constitute an at-

tempt to obstruct justice. He again undermined his client's credibility, saying "all 24-year-olds

tend to embellish He said Ms. Lewinsky and Mr. Clinown affidavit to the lawyers for Mrs. ton had "an emotional relationship," then refused to say whether it was pla-

Mr. Ginsburg's media whirlwind has astonished and perplexed those with more experience in criminal matters. It bounced from "Burden of Proof" to has also — by Mr. Ginsburg's own ad"Nightline" (twice) to "Meet the mission — infuriated prosecutors in Mr. Start's office.

Interviews with more than a dozen experienced former prosecutors and defense lawyers produced a consensus that Mr. Ginsburg's tactics seem incomprehensible — starting with his rejection, late on Jan. 16, of Mr. Starr's offer of complete immunity for Ms. Lewinsky. The immunity offer expired that night, and Mr. Ginsburg has been trying to replicate it since, with-

Criminal defense lawyers acknowledge that it is impossible to judge fully and fairly another attorney's tactics from outside, without knowing details of the case or the client's instructions.

Mr. Ginsburg's specialty is medical malpractice cases. He has represented, among others, a doctor accused of covering up the cause of Liberace's death. In a brief telephone conversation between media appearances Sunday — "Ginsburg here. You've got me for one minute, literally," he announced — he presented himself as a canny litigator being nitpicked by jealous lawyers who would "want a piece of this" case.

As to critics who say a civil litigator gynist. If he didn't, then I think Ken Starr has no business being in a high-stakes and his crew have ravaged the life of a criminal case, Mr. Ginsburg said: "It's always possible that I'm not as good as Alan Dershowitz, but I don't think so. I ing by her affidavit "at this time" — a could have put Mike Tyson in jail just as

Mr. Dershowitz, the Harvard Law appeal of a rape conviction, disagrees. 'I hate to say this, because Bill Gins-

burg seems like such a nice man, but he's way, way over his head," Mr. Dershowitz said Sunday on CNN, suggest-Ginsburg was in danger of waiving the attorney-client privilege shielding his conversations with Ms. Lewinsky because of his references to discussions with her — for example, his revelation that she told him the clothes the FBI took from her apartment had been dry-

"He's negotiating in public," Mr. Dershowitz said. "He has made a number of statements

detrimental to his client," he added, "and I think she's in real jeopardy as a

WINNER - Miguel Angel Rodriguez, presidential candidate of Costa Rica's opposition party, greeting his supporters at a victory celebration.

# MARKETS: Asia's Post-Holiday Rally

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tor debt — which is estimated at \$65 billion or more. 'Fundamentally, there hasn't been

any real change," Mr. Singh said.

Because of the holidays, Monday was the first opportunity in five days for many investors to buy stocks. A series of positive announcements — including the Indonesian government's guarantee for all deposits and debts owed by the country's banks and South Korea's successful bid to get \$24 billion on short-term debt rolled over — were reflected

in stock prices Monday. "There's been tentative buying on the basis that the economic and social environment has improved over the holiday season," said Chan Tuck Sing, head of sales at OUB Securities in Singapore.

"But whether it will be sustained, we have to see," he added. "It could come

back down again."

Traders said the catalyst for the recovery was the rally in the currency markets, especially that of the Indonesian rupiah, although the Thai baht and the Malaysian ringgit rose as well.

There's been pent-up demand for stocks in Southeast Asia for some time," said Kirk Sweeney, head of sales at Lehman Brothers in Hong Kong. "The problem is it's been very difficult to make any investment decision with cur-

rencies as volatile as they've been." Only last month, the Indonesian rupiah fell by 32 percent in a single day, and the country's entire financial system was essentially paralyzed. Companies could not service their foreign debts; traders could not get financing for shipments, and a looming debt moratorium led many bankers to cut off lines of credit. As Indonesia's economic woes multiplied.

so did the danger of violence against the country's ethnic Chinese minority. But last week, while many of Asia's stock markets were closed, Jakarta guarcountry's banks. The goal was to bolster confidence in the banking system and provide liquidity, and the move

moment — appears to have paid off.

What has analysts wary, though, are the same concerns that drove stocks down by 2.6 percent Monday in Seoul. Despite the debt rescheduling in South Korea, investors there are frightened by the prospect of increasing bankruptcies as high interest rates and economic restructuring mandated by the International Monetary Fund start to bite.

Analysts have also pointed out that even though South Korean banks can now lend again, companies there are burdened by a mountain of domestic debt that they may not be able to repay. The country's entire banking system remains under threat, according to Ssangyong Investment & Securities.

Indonesia's government said last week that it would try to help companies renegotiate their debts, but that it would not prop up unprofitable firms. Concerns over bankruptcies in Indonesia could easily match those plaguing South Korea in the days to come.

There is another link between Indonesia and South Korea: While companies in both countries owe billions to foreign banks, South Korean banks are some of the biggest lenders to Indonesia. A debt rescheduling negotiated in Jakarta may benefit Indonesia, but not South Koreae

Also taken as positive news on Mon, day was last week's decision by Thailand to end restrictions on trading the baht, a signal to many that Thai authorities figure the worst of the crisis has passed.

That stocks were also helped by hopes that a team from the IMF, which began meetings on Monday with officials of the Bank of Thailand, would relax some billion bailout. Finance Minister Tarrin Nimmanahaeminda returned from a round of talks in the United States last week saying he bad received assurances from the Fund that conditions would be changed to reflect Thailand's new economic circumstances.

With a dozen or more private

duction companies, a recently inaugurated government-owned satellite channel and a strong tradition of dramatic arts, Syria is poised to challenge Egypt as the Hollywood of the Middle East, ing, among other missteps, that Mr. television producers and actors here 'We have new ideas and new sub-

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jects," said Hatim Ali, 35, who produces "The Mirror" for a private company in Syria. "The Egyptians are repeating

Much of what Syrian television offers is heavily flavored with propaganda, such as the 1996 hit "Brothers of Sand," an ambitious, privately produced war epic whose depictions of Turkish arrocities against Arab soldiers during World War I - including a graphic impalement scene — sparked protests from Ankara.

The limits of free expression are clear. It would be unthinkable for "The Mirror," or any other program, to poke fun at a specific Arab ruler, least of all Hafez Assad, the former military pilot who has ruled Syria since seizing power in day.

Nevertheless, Syrian producers have surprising latitude, often using historical drama as thin cover for contemporary issues, such as abuses of individual rights by Arab secret policemen.

'As long as you attack bureaucracy and generic baddies, you can get away with it," a Western diplomat said.

That appears to be the strategy of Mr. Ali, the producer of "The Mirror." He recently finished work on a dramatic series that blends two works by Shakespeare — "Macbeth" and "Richard III" — to make a statement

But according to diplomats and Syrian television officials, Mr. Assad has promoted the growth and export of Syrian television entertainment as a means of enhancing his claim to leadership of the Arab world — a status Syrian of-ficials say he has earned in light of his resolute defiance of Israel.

'Syria's essential position makes it important to be admired all over the Arab world," said Adel Yazigi, the director of state television. "Syria stayed firm and consistent and straight. That is why people like to see what is coming

With that in mind, Mr. Yazigi said, the government in 1988 sought to increase the output of Syria's entertainment industry by encouraging private production, easing import restrictions on cam-eras and other television gear and expanding the margins of free expres-

Syria's satellite station, which broadcasts locally produced fare throughout the Arab world, went on the air in 1995; the government will soon begin work on a new studio complex in the ancient city of Aleppo.

Syrian writers and producers still

of the harsh conditions imposed on the must submit their projects to Mr. President Abdel Halim Khaddam. "It country in exchange for last year's \$17.2 Yazigi's office for review. Asked improved the tastes of the audience, and whether his office practices censorship, it creates competition."

With satellite television, however, government control is ebbing. Although technically illegal, satellite dishes are widely used in Syria, giving viewers access to a variety of Arab-language programs carried by such Middle Eastem satellite stations as the Saudi-owned Orbit network. As a result, the govemment has eased restrictions to keep Syrian television competitive with for-

'The satellite stations have given people options," said Ayman Zaydan, one of Syria's best-known actors and the Co., which is owned by a son of Vice about this."

like Orbit are increasingly underwriting Syrian productions, which gives them greater control over the content. For example, in "The Silk Market," this year's hit series on the Syrian-Egyptian union, Syrian secret policemen were depicted as drunken libertines in several scenes cut by state television.

But Orbit, which helped finance the program, broadcast the uncut version to countries throughout the Middle East, Syria included.

'You can watch the unedited version on satellite TV," a Western diplomat said. "If I were a government censor, I'd general director of the Cham Production say there's no point in being real obvious

"The question is how many pictures

of dead bodies can they stand, because

we know Saddam is going to give them those pictures, even if we conduct the

Saudi military cooperation could come in a number of forms, some vital

and all of them desirable, according to

Mrs. Albright is leaving military de-tails to Defense Secretary William Co-hen, who is expected here next week.

But she set out to convince Prince Ab-

perfect air campaign.'

S. officials.

### BRIEFLY

## Kenya Opposition To Protest Killings

NAIROBI - A group of leading Kenyan opposition politicians said Monday they would disrupt the opening of Parliament on Tuesday to protest a wave of ethnic killings that has rocked the country.

The leaders—among them Mwai

Kibaki of the Democratic Party and Charity Ngilu of the Social Democratic Party — said at a news con-ference that they also were calling for two days of national mourning for the victims.

More than 100 people have been killed since Jan. 11 in clashes that opposition and church leaders say are the result of ethnic Kalenjin tribespeople targeting Kikuyus for not voting for President Daniel arap Moi or his Kenya African National Union party in the December elec-

# A Marriage Offer In Capital Case

TEHRAN - A German businessman sentenced to death in Iran for allegedly having sex with an Iranian woman is prepared to marry her, sources close to the case said

Monday. Heimut Hofer, 54, has told Iranian authorities he is ready to marry the woman, Vahideh Oassemi, a 26year-old medical student, according to the sources, who did not want to be identified. Legal experts said the death sentence would probably be overturned by the Supreme Court.

He was charged with an offense that under Iran's Islamic laws applies to sex between a Muslim wom-an and a non-Muslim man. (AP)

# **Outage Endures**

MONTREAL — Thousands of homes in eastern Canada have spent nearly a month without power since last month's ice storm. The electrical network is still fragile in areas that bore the brunt of the storm About 65,000 people remained without power over the weekend near Montreal.

# BUDGET: Clinton Draws Line on Deficits

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2000, \$28.2 billion in 2001, \$89.7 billion

in 2002 and \$82.8 billion in 2003. The key debate in this year's budget talks will be what to do with any surpluses: whether to save them until the Social Security retirement program is reformed as Mr. Clinton wants, or to spend them on tax cuts as many Re-

'I think this is going to be the political battle over the next five years," said Stephen Moore, director of fiscal policy studies at the Cato Institute.

# **Hillary Clinton** Lectures in Dayos

DAVOS, Switzerland -- Hillary Rodham Clinton, in a toughly worded speech here Monday, said American business leaders had neglected their own interests by failing to support "fast-track" trade ne-

gotiating power for her husband. Mrs. Clinton also called upon American business leaders to back the Clinton administration's efforts to secure congressional backing for the payment of U.S. arrears to the United Nations and to approve additional money for the International Monetary Fund.

Speaking to hundreds of executives and government officials at-tending a meeting of the World Economic Forum here, Mrs. Clinton also called for the world's economic and political elite to pay more attention to social issues, to provide more opportunities for women and to help build what she called "a civil society" around the world.

The last time a president forwarded a balanced budget to Congress was in 1971 and the last time that the government achieved one was in 1969.

The budget deficit peaked at \$290 bil-lion in fiscal 1992 and has shrunk since because of several factors, chiefly the fast economic growth of the past few years. Other factors include President George Bush's 1990 decision to break his nonew-taxes pledge, Mr. Clinton's deficitreduction plan passed by Congress in 1993 and last year's landmark budget

agreement between the two parties.

It also reflects the end of the Cold War spending plan proposes a Pentagon state, and the rise of dictatorship," he budget of \$252.6 billion, with moderate increases over the next few vacant and with it the pressure to spend ever increases over the next few years. If the fiscal 1999 budget reaches bal-

ance, it would do so three years ahead of the 2002 target laid out in last year's budget agreement.

The proposed Defense Department budget would pump money into new weapons and address growing concerns

about combat readiness. Defense Secretary William Cohen said the spending plan focused on pre-paring, training and caring for troops and

providing \$48.7 billion to update aging weaponry. He added that the budget included about \$1 billion to address what he acknowledged was a growing readiness problem by easing an aircraft spare-parts

shortage and improving pilot flying hours and pay. "We recognize there have been some shortages, 'Mr. Cohen said Monday. A steady stream of overseas military deployments, to Bosnia and the Gulf region in particular, strains unit readiness for combat, Mr. Cohen said. In addition, he said, the Pentagon needs an improved reporting system so that he and other top officials are notified when readiness problems arise. (Reuters, AP)

There is encouragement.

SYRIA: Damascus Serves Up Spicy Television Fare for Arab World

eign rivals, producers say.

# IRAQ: Saudi Arabia Stands Firm With U.S.

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one airplane to fly several missions each

That makes Saudi Arabia a crucial partner, because it plays host to nearly one-third of the U.S. aircraft in the region and a larger fraction of the available airspace near Iraq.

As Mrs. Albright's 2 P.M. luncheon stretched through dinner and well past nightfall, it became clear that the decisions for the Saudis were not easy.

"The Saudis don't have any sympathy for Saddam Hussein, but they do have to worry about their own public opinion of the suffering of the people of Iraq," a U.S. defense official said.

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economic rescue plan, are adding to the

A private television station, RCTL re-

ported that teenagers and children at-

tacked shops in Ujung Pandang, provincial capital of South Sulawesi, on Monday. Dozens of other stores, mostly

Death Toll Rises to 48

In Poland's Cold Wave

The Associated Press

people have frozen to death in Poland this winter, 13 of them since

the latest cold wave Jan. 22, the

police said Monday. Most of the fatalities were homeless or people

who had been drinking too much.

The lowest recorded tempera-

ture, reported Monday, was minus

28 degrees centigrade (minus 18

Fahrenheit) in the southeast.

WARSAW — Forty-eight

dallah - who has taken on much of the power of his ailing half-brother, King Fahd, and is less enthusiastic about the U.S. alliance — that his country's participation against Iraq is essential.

INDONESIA: More Rioting Over Prices owned by minority ethnic Chinese, closed Continued from Page 1

down in fear of more violence. Chinese make up only 4 percent of Indonesia's population of 202 million, but they dominate commerce and are often targeted in civil unrest. A resident said the attack was "ob-

viously caused by current price hikes."

Ujung Pandang, about 1,400 kilometers northeast of Jakarta, was shaken by a series of anti-Chinese rioting in September, in which five people were killed.

Monday's disturbances were the latest in a recent series of such incidents. Security personnel were patrolling Tuban, a coastal town about 100 ki-

lometers northwest of Pasuruan, on

Monday after three days of rioting over higher food prices, the police and residents said. Residents in Tuban said the violence coincided with celebrations for the end of

Ramadan, the Islamic month of fasting, A police officer said 46 people had been arrested after disturbances rocked Tuban last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A local government official said that about 20 stores had been ran-sacked. (AFP, AP)

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For Defenses Against Biological Weapons

The Associated Press

possible Iraqi attack. Israel set up weekend for several days' warning of batteries of Patriot missiles in the any bombing and immediate defensouthern Negev on Monday and is sive measures against an Iraqi bi-reported to have asked the United ological attack, according to officials States for millions of doses of an-from both countries. tidotes to biological weapons.

A measure of panic has been for said last week that Iraq could wipe out Tel Aviv with biological

a distribution center for gas masks in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan, at Israel and the administration of which was hit by several Iraqi Scud missiles during the 1991 Gulf War. The government has not openly fire.

discussed the possible dangers of an fraci attack with biological weapons. "It would create a completely different level of anxiety which we don't feel is warranted at this point," said had asked that Israel forgo retaliation Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahn's spokesman, David Bar-Ilan.

probability of Israel's coming under right to defense, but officials said they attack was very low, and that there are worried that any Israeli reprisal was no need to create panic.

The newspaper Ma'ariv said Israel had asked to buy millions of doses of of Iraq against the world. antidote to biological weapons from the United States. Another newspaper, Yedioth Ahronoth, said that under a deal negotiated a year ago, the United States would provide immunization and antidotes to Israel in the its national security and defense inevent of germ warfare in the region. ■ Israel Seeks Early Warning

Barton Gellman of The Washington Post reported:

By Christopher Wren

New York Times Service

Secretary-General Kofi An-

tive sites in Iraq. The secretary-general said that hu-

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UNITED NATIONS

The Associated Press

Mr. Netanyahu asked Secretary of

JERUSALEM — Preparing for a State Madeleine Albright over the

Mrs. Albright, in turn, probed intentions on the manner and scale of sweeping the Israeli public since the Israel's reprisal should Iraq respond chief United Nations weapons inspec-tor said last week that Iraq could wipe to American bombing with a coun-terattack against the Jewish state. Both matters reprised a delicate dialogue that accompanied the 1991 Gulf Israelis waited in long lines outside War, when Iraq sought to redraw the President George Bush persuaded the Israeli government to hold return

American officials familiar with the Netanyahu-Albright exchange maintained a careful ambiguity on whether the Clinton administration in case of Iraqi attack. The president's foreign policy advisers do not wish to Government officials have said the be seen as depriving a close ally of its would substitute an Arab-Israeli conflict for the American-crafted line-up

Senior Israeli officials said they alone would decide how to defend themselves, but did not specify the

'Israel's policy would be such that terests will be protected." Uzi Arad, a former Mossad intelligence analyst who is Prime Minister Netanyahu's diplomatic adviser, said in an interview. "It stands to reason that Israel

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American slogans at an army training camp in Baghdad on Monday.

will respond according to its own judgment of those interests." Israel is asking for two or three days of warning before the U.S. Central Command launches any air attack

on Iraq, officials said. There are direct links already for secure voice and data transmissions between the U.S. operations directorate and its Israeli counterpart, and between Defense Secretary William Cohen and his Israeli counterpart, Itzhak Mordechai.

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Mr. Mordechai is said to have used flict with Iraq was growing near.

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for the humanitarian needs of

the Iraqi people, which is be-

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# UN Chief Seeks to Double Iraq's Oil-for-Food Sales

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ficial in Rwanda, calling the changes in East and Central Africa "momentous. "States are very selective of when and

sage a new era of African independence.

# Africa's Newest Leaders

# They Seem Less Corrupt but Still Authoritarian

By Stephen Buckley Washington Post Service

KAMPALA, Uganda - It was no coincidence that a recent meeting between the World Bank president, James Wolfensohn, and a dozen African leaders and top government officials was held in this easygoing, sun-kissed capital.

The president of Uganda, Yoweri Museveni, has become a darling of such major international donors as the World Bank and the United States. His economy is thriving, and he appears serious about bat-tling corruption. On her recent trip to East and Central Africa, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called him "a beacon

In fact, Mr. Museveni is seen as the godfather of what many believe is a new kind of leadership in East and Central

Admirers applaud these leaders — most of whom have held power less than a decade - as progressive and refreshingly independent. Critics attack them as a more so-phisticated, smoother-talking brand of their authoritarian predecessors.

Those leaders include Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia; President Issaias Afewerki of Eritrea; Paul Kagame, the Rwandan vice president and defense minister, and President Laurent Kabila of

All but one of those countries had representatives at the Jan. 23-24 meeting.

Several characteristics mark these men, all of whom grasped power through rebellions. They have close relations with their major donors, drawing hundreds of millions of dollars in aid annually. They say they despise corruption. They woo the Western media.

And, perhaps most strikingly, they have rejected the doctrine of noninterference that African leaders embraced for decades.

The most salient example of the new eagemess to intervene was last year's seven-month rebellion that toppled the late dictator Mobutu Sese Seko of Congo, then known as Zaire.

No fewer than a half-dozen nations -Ethiopia, Eritrea, Zambia, Angola, Uganda and, most importantly, Rwanda - had a

country is not just a matter for people in that country," said one senior government of-

where they intervene," the official said. adding that the changes "have not been influenced by Western countries" and pre-

Others suggest that they were just as omy is the foundation."

dependent on the West as their forebears. Uganda, for example, will get \$750 million from donors this year, including \$250 million from the World Bank.

Some analysis argue, for example, that these new leaders appear concerned about corruption because the World Bank and other leading donors recently have begun to pressure them to address it.

'I've rarely seen African countries more dependent on the outside world," said Olara Otunnu, a Ugandan who heads the New York-based International Peace

Such former leaders as Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana were more "in-

tellectually independent," he added.

These men were disappointments. Disastrous economic policies doomed Mr. Kaunda and Mr. Nyerere. Corruption and greed overwhelmed Mr. Nkrumah. It is far from clear that the new generation

of leaders is committed to smothering corruption or nurturing stable democracies. "New leaders, new style, old game," said Alison Des Forges of Human Rights

"It's the same game, but it's played by;

people of greater finesse than their predecessors," Ms. Des Forges said. "They employ extremely subtle and effective use of the lessons of history and the guilt of the international community.

Mr. Museveni's "no-party" democracy worries many, and major donors believe creeping corruption could stunt Uganda's economic progress.

Mr. Meles of Ethiopia is accused of arbitrarily arresting hundreds of people and allegedly has fallen into the cronvism that has wrecked so many African regimes.

Some analysts say they believe that the Rwandan government is more corrupt than the one it toppled and that its army has made the country essentially a police state. Mr. Museveni defends no-party democ-

racy, which critics have contended is single-party rule by another name. He has said that such countries as Uganda — where memories of the dictator Idi Amin's ethnic purges remain fresh --- are not ready for liberal democracy because it would reignite tribal tensions.

A proponent of the so-called Asian model of development. Mr. Museveni believes that in "preindustrial" societies, such as his, econômic strength must precede democratic growth. His attention to Uganda's economy has made it among Africa's strongest this decade, with consistent growth rates of 5 percent and higher.

*Liberal democracy grows hand in hand with industrialization," he said. "Political change is the roof," he added. "The econ-

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**Kuwaitis Still Nursing Hope of Revenge** 

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the day the Iraqis invaded and set people tunning like animals to Saudi Arabia?"

The opposition to military action by By Douglas Jehl New York Times Service KUWAIT CITY — The scars in this iny emirate on the Gulf from the seven-

month military occupation by Iraq in 1990-91 have been covered over with a cosmetic luster that only deep pockets have expressed worry that an American-Horrific oil fires from wells set ablaze to do serious damage to President Sadby fleeing Iraqi troops were quickly exdam Hussein or his war machine. tinguished. War-savaged buildings were

But as Secretary of State Madeleine rebuilt, and in a country blessed with 10 percent of the world's oil reserves, the Albright has worked her way toward the Kuwait has watched for more than seven region in recent days, an informal capital city has been studded with exsampling of public opinion as well as One by one, jarring war remnants that had been preserved as evidence of what likely to translate into private, and perthe country had endured have been

haps overt, Kuwaiti support. pulled from public view. At the Infor-On a sunny holiday weekend marking the end of the Muslim holy month of mation Ministry, where a burned-out Ramadan, a majority of ordinary Kuwaitis interviewed at parks, restaurpersonal wounds are far from fully ling capital suggested that their patience officials, appears to be that enough is support action.

ing to wait so long," said Eid Ibrahim Saidi, 40, a fire-fighting official. 'They're saying the United States has Saddam a good shot now."

These Arabs who are defending Iraq

Even though Kuwait's population is blind eye to Israel. just over 2 million, including 1.4 million foreign workers, the Kuwaitis acknowl-

Over the weekend, no one expressed Arab governments has until now the kinds of jitters that were evident dur-severely constrained American options. ing a crisis in October 1994, when Iraq Even Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, Iraq's moved forces close to the Kuwaiti border, principal adversaries, have not yet openly advocated a military approach.

Like other Arab governments, they have expressed worry that an American-

led attack would be more likely to com- removal or repair of most of the rempound the misery of ordinary Iraqis than nants of war, apparently wanting to focus on the future.

But from a vantage point closer than that of any other country in the world, years as Mr. Saddam has continued to defy the United Nations on sanctions and private conversations with some top of-requirements put in place after the Gulf ficials has underscored the emotion war. Among his acts of defiance has been his failure to provide full information about what Kuwaiti officials contend are more than 600 prisoners of war who may still be alive in Iraq.

And as the latest crisis enters its fourth month, the general mood in this country, ants and other places across the spark- among ordinary people as well as senior was wearing thin and that they would enough. "For sure we have to stop him. because he is a murderer who has Most of the people are wondering murdered his own people and people like why the United States has been so will-us, said Mohammed Ali Hussein, 37, a father of five.

A small but significant minority of those interviewed, however, made plain waited too long, and so it's time to give their disdain for what they regarded as American muscle-flexing. Some echoed A senior Kuwaiti official said, "The commentators across the Arab world, bottom line of the whole thing is that we asking why the United States had been are allies, and we have a common en- so insistent that Iraq meet its obligations to the United Nations while turning a

Israel has defied UN resolutions, including those calling for it to turn over edge that it has been a long time since occupied land to the Palestinians in exthey felt any immediate fear about the change for peace and to withdraw from intentions of their neighbor to the north, the border strip of southern Lebanon that whose population is about 20 million. it maintains as a military buffer zone.



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# **Unfinished Conversion**

America's efforts to help Russia safeguard and shrink its sprawling, decaying nuclear empire need to be sharply accelerated. The possibility that some of Russia's more than 10,000 nuclear weapons or some of its plutonium and beavily enriched uranium could be diverted to a rogue state or terrorist group is not far-fetched. Nor is the risk that some of Russia's unpaid weapons scientists could be lured by foreign countries or criminal groups.

In the past seven years Washington, spurred by former Senator Sam Nunn and by Senators Richard Lugar and Pete Domenici, has established helpful programs to use U.S. money and expertise to improve the security of Russian nuclear installations and convert weapons laboratories, reactors and bomb plants to civilian purposes, Nuclear warheads scattered across several former Soviet republics have been consolidated in Russia for dismantling and safekeeping. Much of Russia's nuclear weapons stockpile is now in secure facilities.

Secure storage depots have been built for the plutonium and uranium removed from dismantled warheads. Significant quantities of bomb uranium have been blended down for sale as civilian reactor fuel. Internationally financed science centers have been es tablished in Russia and Ukraine to provide work for weapons scientists. But some crucial problems are not

being adequately addressed. Converting the stored plutonium to a less dangerous form, once one of Washington's top goals, has been

stalled by technical disputes over the most appropriate methods to use; some additional funding for the method Russia prefers could allow conversion to proceed. The timetable for blending down bomb uranium is too slow, and the science centers are severely underfinanced. Significant quantities of bomb fuel remain in six former Soviet republics, and research reactors in two of them are still configured for bomb grade uranium.

Starting with the budget the Clinton administration sends to Capitol Hill this week, these programs to manage Russian nuclear dangers need to be expanded. Reportedly, the administration seeks about \$650 million for 1999 for the whole range of cooperative nuclear management programs with Russia, an increase of nearly 30 percent from current levels. Some of the new money is said to be earmarked for chemical weapons disposal, which is rightly included in the weapons manement effort.

An additional one or two hundred million dollars could expand the science centers and complete the removal and conversion in other former Soviet republics and speed the commercialization of idle weapons labs.

America spent trillions of dollars during the Cold War to counter the threat of Soviet nuclear weapons. For several billion dollars, it can now help get Russia's nuclear weapons and materials safely under control. It is an investment well worth making.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# The Starr Question

Leave aside the transparently demagogic political counterattack on Kenneth Starr by the Clinton White House. Others who are not working from anyone's talking points have come to wonder whether the independent counsel's investigation has got out of hand. What began as a fairly conventional inquiry into the role, if any, of the Clintons in the draining and ultimate failure of an Arkansas savings and loan has become, as the daily soap opera attests,

There are three main sources of unease with the way the investigation has been transformed. One has to do with the constant migration and broadening of Mr. Starr's jurisdiction. Whatever turns up ends up on Mr. Starr's platter, or so it seems. He has become less an independent counsel than a kind of standing inspector general for the Clinton White House.

Second is the smarrny and personal zone into which the jurisdictional spread most recently has led him. This is now, at least in part, an inquiry into 'the president's sex life, based on surreptitious tape recordings by one woman of the supposed confidences of another much younger one. It is, in this sense, a slimy and intrusive business with which no one can be comfortable. Finally, Mr. Starr has been charged by Hillary Clinton and others with either conducting or lending himself to a political vendetta against the president. He denies it, but a number of the ancillary characters in the drama have openly anti-Clinton agendas, and on occasion Mr. Starr's own careless behavior has seemed to support the charge.

Our own sense, even so, is that step by step, each of the expansions of the investigation, including the current one, can be justified. The bases have not been manufactured. They continue to derive, unfortunately, from the Clintons own behavior. The questions raised have been serious ones and the kind that require independent investigation. That is what the defenders

conveniently ignore. Mr. Starr's original mandate was to determine whether the Clintons and other political figures in Arkansas used the failed savings-and-loan association as a piggy bank in violation of the law. The special court that names an independent counsel at the attorney general's request gave him extremely broad authority to do so. He has caught some considerable fish, including Mr. Clinton's successor as governor of Arkansas; Mr. Clinton's first choice to be associate attorney general in the administration. Webster Hubbell; and the owners of the S&L, who were also the Clintons' business partners in the failed real estate venture called Whitewater, which has given the whole affair its name.

What Mr. Starr has not been able to do, despite efforts to extract more information from lesser figures in the case, including Mr. Hubbell, is show

that the Clintons themselves violated the law. He continues to feel that some witnesses have not been forthcoming, is looking for possible reasons why and is trying to squeeze them. This Whitewater part of the inquiry seems to have come down to a familiar endgame.

There were, meanwhile, two relatively minor expansions of his mandate --- as ever, with the attorney general's approval - having to do with the firing of White House travel office employees early in the first term and the still not fully explained gathering in the White House, also in the first term, of FBI files on some Republicans. Both these presented issues that needed vetting by an independent counsel, and Mr. Starr was at hand. He seems to have been assigned them mainly as a matter of convenience.

In the current case, the tape recordings containing charges against the president — charges whose seriousness has to do much more with possible perjury than with sex — were brought to Mr. Starr by the woman who had made them. She appears to have done so in such a way that they might have been inadmissible in court. Mr. Start wired her with her consent to remake them, in part to validate her claims. The wiring was a repulsive thing to do, but not illegal and evidently a fairly common prosecutorial practice. He apparently acted quickly partly because there was a threat that news of the tapes would shortly appear in print, as in fact it did.

He then presented the evidence to the attorney general, who without much apparent hesitation agreed with him that the court should include them in his mandate. If not Mr. Starr, another counsel would plainly have had to be named. If ever there were a case that the Justice Department cannot itself credibly investigate, this is it.

The tawdriness of the business the illicit and sneaky nature of the taping, to say nothing of the content of the tapes - is not Mr. Starr's fault. He drew what seems to us a strained connection between the Whitewater case and this, in that the Washington lawyer and Clinton confidant Vernon Jordan could be found in both helping possible witnesses against the president find jobs. But that is not why he has this case, nor do we quarrel with his decision to take the first step of creating a clean tape, if that word can be used for any aspect of this case, before going to the attorney general.

Mr. Starr has been casual in the past about flashing his own conservative politics while occupying the office of independent counsel. It is a huge mistake. The whole purpose of naming an independent counsel is, insofar as possible, to depoliticize an investigation such as this. He risks the undermining of his own role. There are problems with Mr. Starr, but the basic problem here is not with him.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

# Justifying the Mec. America's Middle East Challenge Hasn't Been Met

WASHINGTON — The "dual containment" of the two challengers of Gulf stability, Iran and Iraq, is coming undone. The Palestinian-Israeli talks are stalemated, the Syrian-Israeli talks somnolent. The planned expansion of regional economic cooperation under an American/Western aegis limps. In its various approaches to the region, the Clinton administration is increasingly separated from im-

portant friends and allies. Yasser Arafat's forecast for the peace talks, "complete confusion," could be applied to the whole region.

For the administration, there is incentive and some reason to lay off the blame on others. In fact, the Bush crowd bequeathed to the Clintonites a bad hand in Iraq. Saddam Hussein, an unusually tough customer, is still in power and, as we speak, may be preparing a hideous biological or chemical strike. But George Bush left Bill Clinton a

good hand in the Israeli-Palestinian talks, a hand that Mr. Clinton has played only fitfully.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton between them have had nine years since the Carter-era trauma to start straightening By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

things out with Iran, and only now is the project becoming potentially feasible.

And now, with the matter of Mr. Clinton and "that woman," everything he does abroad is vulnerable to being taken as a diversion from his political dilemma at home.

So much of foreign policy is in the handling of routine turbulence, and here Mr. Clinton has earned a reputation as a good learner. But what is harder to learn is fitting things together in a strategic pattern, the chess thing. A few examples hint at the dimensions of the problem.

President Clinton, not alone, has been slow to grasp, explore and explain the nature of a post-Cold War context in which the threats are more varied and diffuse but still of tremendous weight.

He has talked the talk of countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. But the focus has been blurred by an internal hesitancy to move from the old risks to the new, and by a reluctance to accept the -- onerous implications of the transition.

Our leadership in the world is unrivaled. The state of our Union is strong." That is true, but the mood of complacency that they evoke does not prepare Americans for difficult encounters of the sort we now face in Iraq.

Then, Mr. Clinton has been slow to sense the political and psychological dynamite that the Palestinian question packs in the Arab and Muslim worlds. It is a potent symbol of their grievances, real and imagined, against the West. The president has gone at the riddles of Israeli-Palestinian negotiation as if he had pretty much all the time and political space that Israel's conservative government needed.

This is not a case where the Pal-

estinian mob must be accommodated at Israel's expense; that would mean the end of Israel. An American president intent on providing enlightened and effective patronage to a friendly exposed state must attend to the political realities of Israel's fractious neighborhood. It is suggested that the Arabs are

holding their support for U.S. policy in Iraq hostage to an obsession with the

It is easier just to say, as Mr. Clinton said in his State of the Union address:

Palestinian question. That is a lesser part of it. The larger part is that the not very legitimate Arab military and police regimes on which the United States counts for oil and strategic help simply cannot afford to ignore the Palestinian street.

Finally, "dual contamnent" became American policy at a particular

moment when Iraq had just been defeated in war, Iran was in the grip of militant ayatollahs, and Russia was incapacitated by domestic turnoil. Now Iraq is again champing dangerously, Iran has opened an internal discussion of its future direction and Russia has made Iraq its launching pad for a renewal of national diplomacy.

These and other changes have created the vexing choices that now lie before Americans in the Gulf.

The United States can no longer enjoy the sense of strategic mellowness it felt in the early '90s. It must do what is necessary in the hard places like Iraq, but it must struggle to consult with others and bring them into a common policy. These two things - either one by itself is insufficient - define American leadership in a new century.

# Use All Necessary Force to Remove Saddam in Gulf War II

By William Safire

DAVOS, Switzerland — If Saddam Hussein does not cave in to the sound of sabers rattling, the United States has little choice but to make good its military threats. What would Gulf War II be like?

Phase I would be an air attack heavier than the missile pinpricks that encouraged Saddam to challenge UN inspections. The word picked up at this year's World Economic Forum is that bombers would hit air defenses, military command and control facilities, perhaps a sampling of biowar sites. The mission would be to render Iraq unable to put any-

Saddam Hussein's counterattack would be psychological: to display the bloodied bodies of children on CNN (even if he has to stage explosions at hospitals himself), thereby to turn U.S. opinion against further bombing. Appeals to the Arab street would encourage demonstrations and terrorist attacks.

Phase II would be a bomb-

ing pause. Russian and French envoys to Baghdad would say the mad Americans cannot be restrained unless some compromise is reached. Bill Clinton would maintain his resolve to win unconditional inspection. His bottom line: unrestricted inspections, often

headed by American experts. If that test of Saddam's submission was finessed by attempts to protract negotiations, Phase III would begin: sustained bombing of all suspected weaponry sites, including palaces occupied by civilians used as hostages. Industrial and oil facilities would be taken out as in Gulf War L

This time Saddam would not only play on revulsion at the pictures of innocents bloodshed, but might escalate the war, aiming Iraqi missiles with poison gas at Israel and posing as a holy warrior.

This time, with no Arab cooperation to lose, the United States said it would not appeal to Israelis for restraint. Retalistory commando raids might be an early option; if Saddam turned totally suicidal and tried germ warfare, he would invite nuclear response.

But if Saddam chose televised victimhood, and was not overthrown in a coup by officers unhappy at Republican Guard losses, what then? He would be wounded, his people impoverished, but Iraq would remain triumphantly unoccupied with Saddam in command - building his weapons of mass destruction and buying the missiles to deliver them.

For America, to fail to win would be to lose. If the United States went to war and stopped short of victory, it would be beaten. The measure of victory in Gulf War II: trying Saddam as a war criminal, and showing Iraqis how to hold elections. That means being prepared to go to Phase IV: invasion.

If it comes to that, is America ready? No. Ground troops are not in place, and the will to send ground troops is not yet in the Clinton administration.

Because Saddam knows that Mr. Clinton is unprepared to go all the way to land war, he is willing to absorb aerial punishment until America gives up. Only if it shows readiness to go all the way might it avoid

the need to act under a multilateral cloak, he cannot be expected to ask Congress for an old-fashioned declaration of war. But since limited war is what he proposes to wage, with casualties to be expected, he must ask Congress, where the war power still resides, for an enabling resolution.

He would get it and then some. Speaker Newt Gingrich made a brilliant speech in Davos on Sunday urging the final disposition of Saddam. Congress should follow his lead and direct the president to take

all air, sea and land action toconclusively remove the threat that this dictator will acquire weapons of mass destruction.

A week's serious Senate Foreign Relations debate would increase pressure on Saddam while preparing Americans for sacrifices. Dissenters could speak their piece. If the majority support use of all necessary force to remove Saddam, Mr. Clinton would receive the the need to do so.

Because Mr. Clinton feels

Mr. Clinton would receive the constitutional mandate he needs for a fight to the finish.

I ran into Hillary Clinton Sunday night. She told me that what the United States needed was not just allies to express concern but to make commitments. She is right.

If her husband is willing to tell the world what is at stake, and how long the road may be, he will find allies in Congress. in public opinion and in key capitals to join him in a commitment to save millions of lives threatened by this generation's Hitler.

The New York Times.

# China Will Have to Devalue, and Hong Kong Will Hurt

HONG KONG — Despite repeated assertions to the contrary. China will be forced to devalue its currency by 30 to 40 percent within 18 months. U.S. dollar at a fixed rate of

exchange is doomed. Hong Kong interest rates will then go up permanently, factoring in a risk premium for future devaluation. Serious damage will be done to one of the pillars of the global financial system. A large Hong Kong dollar

depreciation -- it will probably be at least 25 percent against the U.S. dollar - will hit Jap-

DAVOS, Switzerland — The Asian crisis is open-

ing a small window of op-

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expects any part of Africa to

emulate the past success of the

now troubled Asian tigers, but

perceptions of both continents

The outside world has been

forced to recognize that it ex-

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the process helping to provoke the region's liquidity boom

Meanwhile, there is the be-

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Africa is not in the forefront

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more market-oriented coun-

tries of sub-Saharan Africa ---

Uganda, Ghana and Ivory Coast — have given the con-

The Forum, in conjunction

with Jeffrey Sachs, the high-profile head of Harvard Uni-

versity's Institute for Interna-

tional Development, has come

up with an interesting study

on African competitiveness. It

reveals that, taken as a whole.

Africa is crawling out of the hole it had dug for itself, and

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By David Roche anese banks, which account for enterprise stockpiles, industrial

to Hong Kong. The key to these develop- a year, similar to the electricity When it does, the peg that ties the Hong Kong dollar to the ments will be in China, where growth rate. electricity consumption is lagging at the same time that industrial production is officially said to be recovering strongly. Either China is busy making things without electricity, or the economy is a lot weaker than the overall economic growth statistics suggest.

If the published figures are adjusted by taking out production for exports and rising state

53 percent of all bank lending output growth for domestic consumption is about 4 percent

> China's economic motor is exports. They make up 18.5 percent of GDP and contributed a bit less than half the country's official economic growth rate of 8.8 percent in 1997. But exports are about to collapse. The Chinese currency has ap-

preciated by 25 percent in real terms against the currencies of China's trading partners since the devaluation of many East Asian currencies began in July. adjustment for inflation, until So the country's exports are set 2002 to hold down unemployto suffer from loss of competitiveness.

With domestic demand in the region falling sharply, Chinese sales could decline by 15 percent. And other Asian exports will compete head-on with those of China in third markets. It is not only a strong cur-

rency that will make exporting more difficult for China. The government's commitment to reform the many loss-making firms in the state sector will add to the burden.

About 60 percent of China's exports are generated by state and collective enterprises. The whole of the country's export surplus is accounted for by these sectors. Foreign-owned private enterprises import as much as they export.

Chinese state enterprises sell abroad because they want to earn dollars and because they cannot sell their produce at home. As China's export markets collapse, state enterprise cash flow will turn red, and the bad debts of the four major state banks will climb.

Many Chinese state enterprises will be closed down. As that happens, exports from the state sector, which are based more on surplus output than on any notion of profitability, will shrink, putting a further brake on economic growth. China's economy needs to

grow by 11 percent a year, after

ment and maintain stability while carrying through reform Even more important, Asia of state enterprises. If China minus Japan accounts for some grows by no more than 4.5 per- ( 22 percent of China's exports. cent this year, it will have a serious growth gap. If the gap continues for two

years, there would be more than 75 million people, or 28 percent of the nonagricultural work force, looking for a job. Social and political stability

in the world's most populous nation would be the first casualty. The party's grip on power would be the second. It will not be allowed to happen. To prevent that, Beijing has only two choices. One is to

abandon reform of state enterprises; but that would cause the budget deficit to blow out and get monetized. Or China could build new mega-projects financed by printing money to stimulate the economy. But such money would find its way out of the economy, while imports flooded in.

That leaves devaluation. The combination of state enterprise reform and collapsing exports will force China to choose between social stability and a stable reruninbi within 18 months. Once Beijing devalues, the last economic argument for the Hong Kong dollar peg is gone.

The writer, managing direct tor of Independent Strategy Ltd., a global investment re search consultancy in London contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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1898: U.S. Factories

LONDON — The Times says: "The French economist M. Levasseur, in L'Ouvrier Americain, notes the severe pressure of the American factory system, and he leaves the impression that too often great American companies think that their duty ends with paying high wages in return for very hard work: that is not the practice of great employers of labor in Britain. They do much which is not obligatory, and will do more than was ever done in the old days when every master was supposed to be the father and guardian of his servants."

1923: Italian Patriots

ROME — Ten-year-old Vieri Borgagni has emptied his savings bank "to help Italy to pay her bills." He adds: "I want to fight in the front ranks of the Fascisti when I am big enough."

In many parts of Italy the work ers have offered to add several hours to their labor, while patriotic women have sent rings and bracelets. Such offerings me typical of the ardent patriotism of the Italian people and of their desire to help Italy to recover from the effects of the war.

1948: Indian Protests NEW DELHI - Violent public

reaction to Gandhi's assassination was mingled with further ceremonies of commemoration throughout India. Students and workers marched carrying plac-ards which read: "Ban Hindu Mahasabha and communal or-ganizations." "Close down the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh. Both organizations are now under fire because they together with the Sikh "Akaly party," were thought to have preached religious hatred and created the atmosphere which produced Gandhi's assassin-

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# By Philip Bowring

An Upbeat New Look at Africa

Africa, and the submission of many countries to IMF and World Bank policies of cutting fiscal deficits and promoting private sector development.

Some of the more remarkable gains in GDP, such as in Mozambique and Uganda, are attributable as much to the end of civil strife as to specific policies. But there has also been a continuation of success in countries such as Mauritius. Botswana and Ghana, which had previous records of

ginning of a realization that Africa is not quite the hopeachievement. The whole continent has averaged 4.5 percent growth assumed. With a modicum of help from private foreign capital, plus debt relief, it could in the past three years. With the population increasing at 3 percent, per capita income is now growing again after years of this year's annual meeting of the World Economic For-

Other encouraging signs in-clude declining birthrates in many countries (although the average is still very high) and a return of foreign investment to the resource sector. The competitiveness report also notes that corruption in Africa is no worse than in Asia.

Africa as a whole still has more than its fair share of problems: tribalism, weak administration, shortage of skills, low savings rates, large distances, poor infrastructure, weak entrepreneurial traditions, to name just a few. However, a few countries have shown what can be achieved by stable policies, encouragement of investment, reduction of tariff barriers and regional cooperation.

A few foreign investors are taking note of the fact that by 2020 Africa will be a market of more than a billion people.

One such is Coca-Cola. Until recently it had assumed that its growth in Africa would do no more than keep up with the continent's modest economic growth. Now it sees that view as having been a self-fulfilling

growth. If Coke is right, others are sure to follow soon. In the end, Africa's fate will be determined primarily by its ability to achieve the modicum of political stability essential to even the most basic economic systems. But at least some investors now believe that this is possible in most African countries.

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lieves that it can reach and

maintain 15 percent sales

There is something the international community could do to keep up the momentum of recovery: relieve past debts.

Tens of billions of dollars have been summoned up almost overnight to bail out borrowers in Southeast Asia and their Western bank lenders. African countries which have pursued often painful policy reforms could do with just a fraction of the Asian bailout money to reinforce their recovery. They deserve it.

Likewise, if Africa can now attract just a fraction of the foreign investment that has been pumped into East Asia, it could get to 6 percent growth. Africa now has potential to follow Latin America's remarkable recovery path. Europe in particular should

recognize the potential on its doorstep. If it treats Africa like a basket case, Africa will behave like one. But if it realizes that much of Africa offers high returns and diminishing risk, it will do itself a favor. International Herald Tribune.

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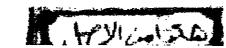
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# Justifying the Means: Starr's Abuse of Power

By Anthony Lewis

independent counsel

It was a dissent, and too few of us Americans paid attention to his warning. Now the potential is reality. Look at what Kenneth Starr has done in his pursuit of the Clinton sex allegations.

1. Last week Mr. Starr subpoenaed Robert Weiner of Howard County, Maryland, to appear before his grand jury in Washington. Why Mr. Weiner? Because he had said that his local prosecutor should prosecute Linda Tripp for taping telephone conversations with Monica Lewinsky without her permission. That is a felony under Maryland law.

Mr. Starr's excuse for that subpoena was that Mr. Weiner works as a press spokesman in the White House drug policy office. No one had told Mr. Weiner to do what be did. But in any event it was his right as a citizen to call attention to a violation of law - indeed his "obligation," the Supreme Court has said. For a prosecutor to haul someone before a grand jury on so thin a ground was an alarming abuse of power.

2. Mr. Starr has subposenaed Francis Carter, who was Ms. Lewinsky's first lawyer, for records of his work on her behalf. The subpoena evidently seeks to violate the lawyer-client privilege, a basic

BOSTON — Ten years ago element of every American's right to counsel. Mr. Carter is a man of high reputation for integrity, and of power by an unaccountable there is no showing of any impropriety on his part.

3. In addition to the Washing. ton grand jury, Mr. Starr has one in Virginia - and the subpoena to Mr. Carter directs him to take his records there. Why Virginia? Could it have anything to do with the fact that Mr. Carter is black?

4. Mr. Starr is contemplating subpoenas to the Secret Service agents who protect the president. Has he thought about the effect that forcing them to testify would have on the confidence every president should have in those who protect him?

Similarly, Mr. Starr planned to wire Ms. Lewinsky to record conversations with others, presumably including President Bill Clinton. Did he think about the consequences of such an act on the ability of this president and future presidents to have candid con-

versations in the White House?
6. Mr. Starr has put heavy pressure on Ms. Lewinsky to testify against President Clinton. His weapon is a threat to prosecute her for perjury in the af-fidavit she filed in the Paula Jones case, denying a sexual relationship with the president. It would be extremely unusual

to prosecute anyone over an affidavit in a civil case — an affidavit that under the rules can be



But that plainly is what Mr. Starr is holding over Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer, William Ginsburg, in their unsuccessful negotiations over what she will say.

Mr. Ginsburg now apparently thinks that Mr. Starr will call her before the grand jury anyway, grant her immunity in order to keep her from invoking the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and require her to testify or go to prison for

The pressure tactics on Ms. Lewinsky would be understandable if they were being used by a prosecutor against a Mafia king. steamroller to crush a gnat. As does much else in the Starr efThat is why they created our elab-

fort. Two hundred FBI agents? Mr. Starr is also ignoring an ethical problem of his own. Before he was appointed counsel for Whitewater in 1994 he had agreed to file a brief for an outside group in the Paula Jones case, opposing Mr. Clinton's attempt to postpone it. And he consulted with Mrs. Jones's lawyers two or three times on the telephone. How can he properly now deal with matters that arise from

The framers of the U.S. Constitution well understood the danger that Kenneth Starr illustrates: Give anyone absolute In this case they look like a power and he may abuse it, no

the Jones lawsuit?

Regarding "Sex, Nihilism and Americans have sunk to this level

The independent counsel statute has given us a creature outside the constitutional system. That is what Justice Scalia perceived in 1988. Now Mr. Starr, perhaps outraged by the idea of a president as sexual predator, is driven by a sense of mission and a sense of his own rectitude — to ignore the dangers of prosecutorial abuse.

orate system of checks on power.

Conservatives as well as liberals, critics as well as supporters of Bill Clinton should be concerned at what is happening. Through history, liberty has depended on observance of the decencies of the law. The end does not justify the means.

The New York Times

# **Avant-Garde Profundity** Doesn't Mean Good Art

By Richard Pells

BONN — Are most American profits — cater to rather than challenge their audiences. Success at ican journalists, obsessed with President Bill Clinton's sexual proclivities, making it impossible for readers to focus on the problems of global hunger and the Middle long recognized that high-minded East? Does American culture glor-

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ify moneymaking at the expense of social justice and human dignity? You would think so if you read the letters to the editor in the Herald Tribune. And if you suggest that the free market may be a stimulus to the creation of art, as I did in "Cinéma Vérité in Europe: Rejecting U.S. Culture" (IHT. Dec. 16), you might find yourself dismissed as an advocate of bread and circuses at a time when America resembles the later Roman empire in its moral decadence.

In Eastern Germany, where I recently lectured, the discomfort with American culture is intensified by the rapidity of the changes that have occurred since 1989. Parents and teachers worry about the effect on children of sex and violence in American movies.

The older generation also believes that the Communists were, if nothing else, defenders of high culture against the tawdriness of America's mass entertainment. Now no one protects the people from the siren call of Western culture and consumerism.

In Western Europe, the hostility to American culture seems driven more by a mixture of snobbery and ignorance. Some people who criticize Hollywood have not seen an American movie in years.

Others argue that the global popularity of American culture is due solely to advertising, that audiences flock to "Titanic" not because of its epic story or visual power but because of its marketing campaign. Such assertions are elitist and condescending; they imply audiences cannot choose what they watch or that the choices they make are invariably bad.

But many of the critics of American culture misunderstand the connections among commerce, entertainment and art. European intellectuals and culture ministers assume their job is to educate and elevate the masses. They believe

lenge their audiences. Success at the box office means giving people what they want.

Hollywood, however, has always been anti-elitist. Studios have or well-meaning films can be pretentious and soporific. The greatest American directors, from Orson Welles and John Ford to Robert Altman and Martin Scorsese, realized that their movies had to establish an emotional connection with the audience before they could

be challenging or enlightening.

More practically, if a government finances a director's movie and guarantees that it will be shown in theaters and on television, as is often the case in Europe, why care whether anyone is watching? Why bother with stories, characters and performances when you can concentrate on being avant-garde?

American filmmakers know that they need to pay attention to people's passions and preoccupations or no one will remember much less think about - what they have seen. And they also recognize that the artistic quality of a movie does not depend on whether its content is socially re-

sponsible or morally uplifting.
In fact, many commercially successful American movies do not give audiences what the critics claim the masses want. From "Bonnie and Clyde" to "Pulp Fiction," the best films have combined art and entertainment, the sacred and the profane. Above all, they are disturbing, which is what works of art always are.

In their movies, the finest American filmmakers understand that forcing audiences to reflect on their own lives, to confront their deepest fears and fantasies, is more worthwhile than blathering about social problems. But occasionally, in the movies

and in life, private demons and public issues are entwined. This is why Europeans and Americans alike, whether they admit it or not, are transfixed by the current drama in Washington.

The writer, a Fulbright professor at Bonn University, is the author of "Not Like Us: How Europeans Have Loved, Hated and Traisformed American Culture Since American filmmakers — compelled by the market to maximize 

World War II." He contributed the comment to the Herald Tribune. World War II." He contributed this

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Clinton's Travails

The current mockery from abroad about the Clinton scandal is overly simplistic and ignores fundamental facts about Americans. Obviously there are more important things in the world than President Clinton's alleged sexual improprieties. Yet I do not think Americans are after mere titillation

or are fiddling while Rome burns. Rather, the very idealism and ethics that have made the United States a superpower will not allow many Americans to accept the blatant flouting of some of the

nation's more puritanical beliefs. It is hardly surprising that a country as lacking in cynicism as America would expect its president to be above having sex with a 21-yearold intern and then lying about it. If a country can't expect this from its leader, what can it expect?

America appears far less cosmopolitan than those countries that turn a blind eye to the indiscretions of their leaders, but in my opinion that unwillingness to compromise on principle is more of an asset than a flaw. DETRORE H. NORMAN.

TO OUR READERS

Help us to know you better

(Opinion, Jan. 31) by William of independence. Pfaff:
Mr. Pfaff writes that "a revolution is an event with an out-

come, sometimes a positive one." Most readers will agree that the outcome of the American Revolution — liberation from English rule --- was positive.

The recent Washington scandal, however, is positively English: In Britain, sex scandals are

American Democracy in Danger" of mimicry after these many years JEANETTE F. HUBER. Minneapolis.

The return to the yellow journalism of the previous century's penny dailies has been a long time coming in America; the O.J. Simpson trial was the watershed.

As a branch of the entertainment industry, the American press routinely dug up to get rid of faces the toughest competition it politicians who cannot be jet- has ever had in selling its faces the toughest competition it tisoned legitimately. Too bad we products, hence the recent feeding

Fourth Estate. I am appalled by the complete collapse of American journalistic standards. SEAN DALY. Moscow.

frenzy. It is a sad time for the

In the present climate, the bipartisan call in Washington for air strikes against the caliph of Baghdad provides further evidence that an America now wired for thrills is close to nervous exhaustion and is on the brink of

running amok EMILE LEFORT. Luxembourg.

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# Hints of the Exotic From Those Far-Away Places

By Suzy Menkes

International Herald Tribun ARIS - By one of those serendipitous fashion happenings, an exhibition about exoticism has opened just when haute couture is finding inspiration from far-flung places.

John Galliano must have been buried in the museum

archives of Paul Poiret, for the swooshing kimono coats the designer showed for Dior mirror the vitrine devoted to Poiret's

work in the early years of the century. How to bring dead people's clothes to life is the conundrum facing every fashion museum. But after a dull start with its first show, the Musee de la Mode et du Textile in the Louvre has come up trumps, "Touches d'Exotisme," (Touches of the Exotic), until the end of 1998, is imaginative in its concept and broad in its sweep, embracing inspirations from the Orient, India, Africa and the fantastic Arabian Nights world.

Its most successful idea is to show the 250 costumes and objects against painted backdrops by the Italian theater designer Ezio Frigerio. Taking art as a reference point, he has created willow-pattern gardens for chinoiserie, heat-and-dust Indian temples for the collection of paisley shawls, the Douanier Roussean landscapes at the approach of modernism and kitsch travel posters for the jet-set age.

The clothes are also put in context by a sound track that mixes musical cultures as deftly as the curator, Sylvie Legrand, has arranged the clothes.

Exoticism is a subject we have wanted to do from the outset, because it is a way to show how there are trends that are always coming back and are relevant to the 1990s," said Lydia Kamitsis, one of the fashion museum's curators.

Because it encompasses fashion from the antique past, through the 1970s hippies to modern times, the exhibition is vibrant. You can feel in the clothes the excitement as new areas of the globe were opened up. That means both the

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can't judge you because whatever you've done it isn't even close to the

worst": you didn't rape a baby and

throw it over a wall, you didn't chop up

an 80-year old for laughs. "Whatever you've done," she adds, "we know all

the things you MIGHT have done, and

The story this investigator wants to tell is "the worst case" she has ever

worked on. It is the story of her former

boss's daughter, Jennifer Rockwell, and

smart, loving boyfriend. Why then, did

she sit down one night and put three bullets through her head? Was it, in fact,

a case of murder rather than suicide?

And if so, did Jennifer, a cop's daughter,

leave behind clues that would lead to her

As Mike narrates her investigation

into Jennifer's death, Amis introduces us

to the dead woman's family, colleagues

and friends, all of whom may or may not

Did her boyfriend's volatile temper get the best of him? Was her loving

father too possessive? Was her boss angry at her for fouling up an important

test? Who was the unsavory man she met

at a bar? And why did lithium turn up in

narrator? Are her problems with alcohol

really in the past? Have her own feelings

about Jennifer - envy, resentment and

loyalty to Jennifer's father — skewed

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or playing her own game of cat and

Expertly orchestrating such questions

For that matter, is Mike a reliable

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'We don't judge you," she says, "we

"Time's Arrow" (1991), a contrived the grim, threatening realm he's limned

physical arrival of gorgeous silks from China in the early 18th century and their interpretation by fabric houses in Lyon, which produced dandified men's vests.

Cotton - prized even more than silk in that era impregnated with the exotic when Napoleon's Egyptian campaign produced palms and sphinxes printed on toile de Jouy. India gave the Victorians paisley shawls, which are shown in

all their dense patterns and spicy colors.

The arrival of Diaghilev's Ballets Russes in Paris was Poiret's excuse to flood the pallid Edwardian colors with richness and fantasy, while the opening up of Japan ushered in graphic shapes that produced Oriental modernism.

These same strands are woven into recent fashions. After Galliano relaunched chinoiserie two years ago, Alexander McQueen at Givenchy chose japonisme as the subject of his spring countre collection, playing with its linear purity and

also using witty touches, like a hat creating a bonsai garden. The 18th century was the inspiration for Jean Paul Gaultier and Oscar de la Renta at Balmain. An Egyptian toile de Jouy dress with a galleon-shaped hat was one of Gaultier's takes, along with frock coats and panniers that detached from pantsuits. Balmain's chinoiserie brought jackets with Chinese embroidery and also panniered dresses. And Hanae Mori "Night Train" is vaguely reminiscent of nurtured her Japanese roots with stylized flower prints.

In previous Dior collections, the Masai tribe of Africa had tale of a Nazi-turned-fugitive told in in earlier novels: a predatory world of been Galliano's focus. The museum exhibition puts that into this case, seen through the eyes of a Laurent's African look of 1967 - wood-beaded dresses former homicide cop, saddled with the presented with towering lacquered hairstyles especially created for the show by the coiffeur Alexandre.

> the heady perfume of distant places are absorbed into modern design. If there is too much integration, you get the stiff 1950s dresses from couture's glory days, when Dior or Balmain would just add ethnic embroideries to a conventional cocktail dress. Too literal an interpretation of other cultures turns the clothes into folk costumes. Some of the most intriguing combinations came from

Exoticism works best in fashion when a whiff of spice and

street rather than couture salons, when free spirits in the 1970s brought back ethnic garments from the hippie trail. The Japanese designer Kenzo caught that multiculture mix in his early East-meets-West ready-to-wear.

Accessories offer just that touch of the exotic, expressed in the exhibition by Rene Lalique's Art Nouveau jewels, by Japanese parasols and by the shoes and purses with flat flowers from the 1920s.

The strength of the show is that it is brought right up to date. Jennifer, we learn, was a girl who supposedly had everything. She was bright, beautiful and cheerful. She had a with examples from Christian Lacroix, Galliano, Issey Miyake and Dries Van Noten, proving that in a global fashion marketplace, borrowing from other cultures can still add an exotic and fantastic element to fashion.

# rewarding job as an astronomer, and a New Spin for Burberrys

DARIS — The staid British house of Burberrys is being I given a fashion spin. Roberto Menichetti, 31, an Italian designer who has worked with Jil Sander and Claude Montana, has been tapped by Rose Marie Bravo, Burberrys' new CEO, who says: "He's a terrific talent who combines a modern

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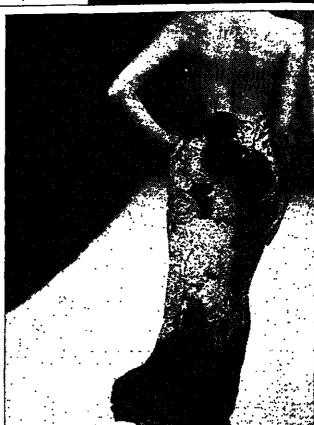
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# a rather flimsy collection of stories

By Robert Byrne

LISA GALLIAMOVA of Russia A won the Candidates Tournament for the Women's World Championshipbut that did not guarantee her a title match with Zsuzsa Polgar of New York, the women's world champion.

NIGHT TRAIN

By Martin Amis. 175 pages. \$20.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

MARTIN AMIS'S career is begin-ning to take the shape of Graham

Greene's: bigger, ambitious novels in-

terspersed with slighter "entertain-

ments," novels that extrapolate the au-

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Between sprawling, minutely detailed epics of modern life like "Money" (1985), "London Fields" (1990) and

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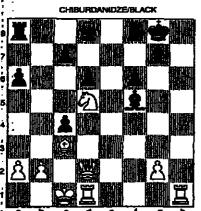
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_ Though Galliamova scored 13.5 points to the 12.5 tallied by Xie Jun of China, under International Chess Feeration rules that means they must fight for the challenger's slot.

The 1997 candidates was a double round, 10-entry event. In the tense final round in Groningen, the Netherlands. Galliamova, paired with a former titlist. Maya Chiburdanidze of Georgia, produced a high-level performance in assuring herself first place.

Had Chiburdanidze chosen 6. Ngf6. she would have gotten a King's Indian Defense, but after the distinctive 6... Ne7, she obtained a Robatsch Defense. The placement of the black king knight leaves the way open for a kingside attack with . 15, yet Chiburdanidze never tried it. Galliamova's 7 Qd2 virtually prevented 7...h6 because then Black could not castle kingside. But 7...f5 was to be con-

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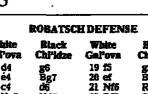
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Chiburdanidze would have gotten her wished-for assault. But against 15 Bc3!, sacrificing a pawn to block a black attack,

ef Bf5, was the smashing 21 Nf6! After 21...Rf6 (21...Bf6 22 Qd5 Rf7 23 Bf6 Qf6 24 Qa8 is no better for Black) 22 Bf6 Qf6 23 Qd5 Qc6 24 Qa8 Kf7, she

In the endgame following 26 Rd5, Chiburdanidze refused the pawn she could have taken with 27...Bg2 because 28 Rh7! Be4 29 Rg7 Kg7 30 Ra6 Kf6 31

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reverse chronology, and now "Night

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Train," a noirish mystery narrated by a

"Time's Arrow" felt a bit forced, like

books written to mark time between the

author's "real" novels, "Night Train" is

the literary weight and ambition of books

like "The Information" and "London

Fields," but it's a deliciously readable,

highly polished diversion, a testament to

its author's Nabokovian love of language

and games, and his utter ease in de-

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Since Galliamova's 9 h4 portended 10 h5 and an opening of the h file for a mating attack. Chiburdanidze opened the center with 9 ... ed. planning a counterattack on the white king.

If Galliamova had played 15 cb,

Chiburdanidze was in difficulty. She could not play 15...c5 because 16 Ba5 Qb8 17 h6 Bh8 ends in 18 Ne7 mate.

So she dug in for defense with 15...f6, but after 16 f4 Nc4 17 Bc4 bc 18 hg hg, Galliamova struck a powerful blow with 19 f5! to break open the black king position. The final point, after 19...gf 20 of Rf5, was the appending 21 Ne51 4 Per had two rooks against two bishops.

Galliamova's winning technique was smooth. After 26...Be4 27 Ra5, Ra7 c5 32 a4 wins easily for White. After 37 Rc5, Chiburdanidze gave up for maximum suspense. Amis has created a quicksilver narrative that grabs the reader and refuses to let go. Although he seems overly self-conscious in his use of police lingo in the novel's opening sections — the text is peppered with phrases like "Homicide is the show," "I'm working the midnights" and "Jennifer Rockwell is pronounced" - he soon settles down, using his Pinteresque ear

for silences and refrains to immerse us in

the tough, brutal world that Mike in-

Although hard-core mystery fans might well regard the novel's ending as a cop-out of sorts, it's a very clever cop-out - a cop-out that's entirely in keeping with Amis's dyspeptic view of life.

"Night Train" may not stack up against Amis's best fiction, but as one of his entertainments, it's a superior piece of work. New York Times Service

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Nora Onley, 10, looking on as her sister Claire, 7, and her mother, Terry Savage, right, play a computer game.

# 'Girlish' Computer Games Growing Up

By Beth Berselli

WASHINGTON — Nora Onley, a 0-year-old who lives in Maryland, has

Nora and her sister Claire, 7, much prefer games such as Rockett's New School, a new software title billed as a girls spent a recent Sunday afternoon tent on helping a carrot-topped girl. Rockett Movado, navigate the social snobby as she seems? Is Ruben really Mr. Nice Guy? Which party to attend?
"I like this," Claire said.

blown up her share of aliens. She has conquered the universe, blasted the bad guys to smithereens and earned the high score on several computer games.

be made by developing software specifically for this underserved group. standard shoot-'em-up software can be That means story lines and well-de-summed up this way: "BOR-ing," she veloped characters rather than the blood, guts and gore so adored by the usual software-game customer, a teen-

With more than two dozen titles on 'friendship adventure for girls." The the market, girls' computer software has become one of the hottest segments glued to their Macintosh computer, in- of the \$1.3 billion CD-ROM game business. Sales of girls' games totaled nearly \$60 million last year, up from milieu of the fictional Whistling Pines \$1.5 million in 1995, according to PC Junior High School. Among Rockett's Data, a Reston, Virginia, market-re-

dilemmas: Is a classmate, Nicole, as search firm. Some experts forecast that sales will reach several hundred million dollars by 2000.

I like this, 'Claire said.

Software designers and marketers about the value of the new girls-only waking up to the fact that girls such software and whether it is really needed. Some critics are questioning whether these so-called pink games perpetuate gender stereotypes that limit girls to playing dress-up and boys to playing with fake guns and swords.

Developers of the games argue that

the software increases girls' comfort with computers and that this confidence can lead them to careers in computer science and technology, where women still are vastly outnumbered by men. But some big software companies, such as Sega Entertainment Inc., say gender-specific software is unnecessary and that if a game is good, it

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# **Drug-Merger Talk Fuels Markets**

Glaxo-SmithKline Linkup Pushes European Stocks to New Highs

By Tom Buerkle

LONDON — Talk of pharmaceutical mergers drove several major stock markets to new highs Monday as the pro-posed combination of Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC triggered a frenzy of speculation about more mergers in the drugs industry.

The reaction of the Glaxo and Smith-Kline stock prices to the weekend announcement that they were in merger discussions offered the most dramatic evidence yet that investors think consolidation in the industry can deliver huge benefits by strengthening research and marketing efforts and cutting costs.

European benchmark stock indexes

— Britain's FT-SE 100, Germany's

DAX and France's CAC- 40 index

reached records on the Glaxo-Smith-Kline talks. Spanish, Italian and Swiss stocks also reached highs. The mo-mentum also carried over to Wall Street, home to the biggest collection of phar-maceurical stocks.

In London, Glaxo and SmithKline shares surged to levels that would value the combined company at nearly \$190 billion. That would make Glaxo Smith-Kline as the world's second most valuable corporation, behind General Electric Co. of the United States.

The valuation is 'appropriate' be-cause of the potential the two companies have to cut costs and develop more advanced, high-profit drugs, said John Aldersley, an analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co. Other drugmakers will face intense pressure to consider merging to stay big enough to compete, Mr. Aldersley said. "It's all eyes on everybody else," be

The merger news powered London stocks to their fourth straight recordhigh close, with the FT-SE 100 index

rising 2.6 percent, to 5,599.00.
Glaxo's shares rose 342 pence
(\$5.61) to £19.85 (\$32.53), while SmithKline rose 81 pence to 844 pence. If the deal goes through, the merged company would represent more than 10 percent of the London market capitalization.

Based on the experience of Glaxo's 1995 takeover of Wellcome and the 1996 merger of Ciba-Geigy AG and Sandoz AG that created Novartis AG, Mr. Aldersley estimated that a future Glaxo-SmithKline would be able to cut costs by as much as £1.5 billion a year. Stronger marketing and an ability to

sell a more-complete range of drugs to health-maintenance organizations and other big buyers should boost revenues, too. If the deal goes through, Merrill estimates the company will post net earnings of £4.2 billion in 1999.

"It gives them a feature right, exercised by exercis

"It gives them a fantastically strong position to develop genetic-based products," Mr. Aldersley said.

Don Meltzer, co-head of mergers at Credit Suisse First Boston, said the proposed deal was "just the latest and largest example" of the wave of global mergers over the past five years that looks set to run and run.

"You can make any deal in this sector work because the synergies in this sector

But a word of caution came from Daniel Vasella, the chief executive of Novartis. Although the two companies complement each other's strengths. sheer size and bureaucracy hold the potential to sap a company's innovative edge, Mr. Vasella said. "There is a point when you become too big," he said.

In the markets, Germany's DAX rose 1.9 percent, to 4.522.81, powered by strong gains in Hoechst AG and Schering AG. In Paris, the CAC-40 index rose 0.48 percent, to 3,187.50. In Zurich, the SPI index rose 1.5 percent, to 4,139.41, on strong gains in Novartis and Roche Holding AG.

# **Takeover Fever Carries Wall Street to a Big Gain**

World Bank Official Is Upbeat:

On Global Impact of Asia Crisis

NEW YORK - Stocks rallied 2.6 Hew Tork — Stocks ranged 2.0 percent Monday after markets from Hong Kong to London surged, powered by pharmaceutical company shares as merger talks between SmithKline Beecham PLC and Glaxo Wellcome PLC fanned speculation that more alliances were on the way.

"Everyone's looking around and saying, 'Who else is a takeover can-didate?''' said Dirk van Dijk, an equity strategist at Dean Investment Associates in Dayton, Ohio. "In the drug industry, everyone is viable.'

Optimism that the worst of Asia's inancial crisis is over added fuel to the

The potential that the Far East will and that takes implode has decreased, and that takes some pressure off U.S. stocks," said Ron Muhlenkamp, president of Muhlenkamp & Co.

"I'm not willing to say the problems there are over, but the risks are a little less than they were a couple weeks ago."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 201.28 points higher, or 2.6 percent, at 8,107.78. The Dow last set a

International Herald Tribune

record at 8,259.31 on Aug. 6.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index topped 1,000 for the first time, jumping 21.00 points, or 2.1 percent, to 1,001.28, led by Microsoft Corp. The Nasdaq composite index rose 33.52 points, or 2.1 percent, to 1,652.88.

U.S. bond prices tumbled after rallies in Asign and U.S. stock markets reduced.

in Asian and U.S. stock markets reduced

demand for Treasury securities.

"As the Asian markets recover, bonds are less attractive," said James Midanek of Solon Asset Management in Walnut Creek, California. The benchmark 30-year Treasury

bond fell 31/32 point, pushing its yield up four basis points to 5.87 percent.
Economies in Southeast Asia have

stopped deteriorating, diminishing the negative impact on the rest of the world, said Byron Wien, director of U.S. investment strategy at Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover & Co. He advised clients to put cash into stocks.

Asian markets surged earlier as currencies stabilized and investors grew optimistic that the worst of the region's

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# **O&A:** Frontier Markets Where the Law Is 'Evolving'

Baker & McKenzie, the Chicago law firm that is the world's largest, based on its 2,000-plus lawyers, has been aggressively expanding abroad, reaching into regions such as the Commonwealth of Independent States and trying to set up shop ahead of its competitors. On his way to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, John Klotsche, the firm's chairman, spoke with Mitchell Martin of the International Herald Tribune about practicing law in unfamiliar places.
Q. A lot of the places where you are

panding are not known for having a very well-defined rule of law. In fact, you are often the first law firm in there. It ans counterintuitive: Why send a lawwar so a place where there is no law? Law can be defined a lot of different ways. It can be a very well-develeped set of rules and principles, as for example we have in our system or in India. In an evolving situation, which is true in some of the emerging countries, I don't think it would be totally accurate that there is no law there. It is much more an evolving state — the principles may not be as well established or as fairly written as businessmen would like. In some respects, the need for lawyers may be greater in those circumtances, where there are some interpretive issues and the lore and the toms and practices may be more significant than the written law itself.

Q. How do you go about setting up a practice in that kind of country? If you hire local people, then they are not trained in our style of law. Or do you hire local

people who have a foreign degree?

A. Ideally, we would be hiring people who are being trained in both the local system as well as the Western system, but

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that's the ideal situation. In some areas. maybe what we'll have to do is bring them to the States for training within our organization or for further education in a Western legal system. But at the end of the day, it is absolutely critical that we have people who are schooled and ex-

perienced in both systems. Q. In developing countries, would you split the staff, say, 50-50 between American and local people?

A. First of all, it wouldn't necessarily be an American — it is more likely to be somebody from a common law juris-diction. It could be the U.K., it could be Australia, it could be a number of different areas, but it's a Western system. If there is a typical way we do this, it would be to start with one or two Baker & McKenzie Western lawyers and a small group of local lawyers, but the mid- to long-term view of ours has al-ways been that that office would be

staffed by locally admitted lawyers. Q. Your firm is active in Kazakhstan, where there have been questions about the rule of law. How does business get

done in a place like that? A. It and other CIS jurisdictions are indeed difficult to operate in. That is a situation where the legal system is not all that well developed. We tend to find there are changes in the governing rules and regulations that can happen relarively quickly and sometimes, perhaps, unexpectedly. But those are just some of the issues that businessmen have to deal with in terms of operating in jurisdictions like that. That is part of the risk analysis most companies would make in terms of their assessments of whether or Certainly the risks may be higher than

normal, but perhaps the rewards are

equally higher than normal. In jurisdictions like that, those that get there first tend to develop the market and perhaps gain better market share. and I think that's certainly the strategy of a number of companies in dealing with these developing countries.

Q. Are there countries that have been you, and by extension for other Western businesses, more successful than others? Places where you have done a lot more business than anticipated?

A. The Central European countries have been very successful for us. Budapest, Warsaw are two that certainly come to mind. Prague is a third. The CIS has been very successful.

China has been very, very successful for us over the years. It is operated both out of our office in Beijing as well as our office in Hong Kong. Hong Kong is the largest office in Baker & McKenzie today, both from a revenue standpoint as well as head count. There are 225 or so

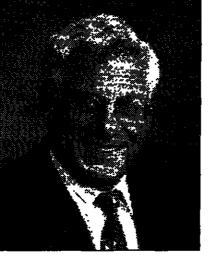
Q. Has there been any change since Hong Kong's takeover by China?

A. There has been a little change in the practice, and it may be driven not so much by the takeover as by the events in Asia over the last six months. As you are probably aware, the real-estate market has gone somewhat south.

Q. It seems that countries gravitate more to the British-based system of common law than other systems. A. If we use as a frame of reference

the discussion in the CIS, a lot of the financing that takes place is generated out of London as opposed to New York, not they are going to do business there. and often U.K. law might be the gov-

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John Klotsche of Baker & McKenzie.

Q. Do you see any developing coun-

seen a very open-door policy there in the last five years — Mexico, Brazil.

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tries as particularly amenable to investing from overseas?

benign, with unanticipated beneficial effects virtually balancing the bad, a

A. I think the Latin American countries might be a good example. We've

Monday. This revised upbeat analysis rests on three critical assumptions. Pieter Bottelier, a senior adviser at the bank, told a press seminar: that the Asian financial crisis has bottomed and will not worsen: that growth in Japan will not slow further than the limp 1 percent now fore-cast for 1998, and that the United States will temporarily put up with a widening trade deficit. Under these conditions, Mr. Bottelier said, the World Bank sees falling interest rates and sharply improved terms of trade benefiting the industrialized countries. Import prices on East Asian goods should fall, and lower world demand would reduce oil prices by "at

> modity prices by an estimated 9.8 per-More specifically, he estimated U.S. growth for this year at 2.4 percent, up from the 2 percent previously forecast by the bank. U.S. inflation is more likely to be 2 percent this year instead

By Carl Gewirtz of the 3.1 percent previously antic-

ipated. For the Group of Seven most de-PARIS - The impact of the East veloped countries - the United States, Asian financial crisis on the rest of the Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada - growth this year is put at world now looks as if it will be rather only 0.3 percent less than pre-crisis estimates with "no major change for Ger-many or France." Inflation for the group is forecast at 1.8 percent, down senior World Bank official said here

from 2.3 percent. For the world, growth this year of 2.6 percent is expected to be half a per-centage point less than previously forecast. "This is not catastrophic," Mr. Bottelier said, noting that it represented an improvement over the performance

of the early 1990s. The major impact will fall on East Asia, where growth this year is now seen at "perhaps" 0.3 percent compared to the 7.1 percent expected before

the crisis erupted. Growth in Latin America could be reduced by 1 percent while in Central and Eastern Europe the effect is seen as only marginal, a decline of 0.2 per-

Mr. Bottelier said that world trade was expected to grow more slowly, by 6.3 percent instead of 6.7 percent, and that the United States and Europe would share equally in absorbing a \$50 billion worsening in their trade bal-

# **Thinking Ahead** /Commentary

# Danger in U.S.: Rising Fear of Trade

By Reginald Dale mal Herald Tribune

ASHINGTON — Despite a booming economy and a bounteous job market. Americans seem to be increasingly fearful of international trade — even as they grow more dependent upon it. According to Alan Wolff, a former deputy U.S. trade representative, the idea of further trade liberalization is now being challenged more seriously in the United States than at any time since 1970, when the House of Representatives approved plans for

import quotas. If anything, the implications of today's challenge could be more farreaching. The United States is much more reliant on trade to generate product in 1970; today the figure is wealth and employment than it was a nearly 30 percent.

Rather than reject trade, Americans should embrace it. With exports accounting for more and more of the best markets further, not turning inward.

Although the European Union is dominated multilateral system. now America's commercial equal, the United States still bears the main re-

rules are respected.

sector of American policy that can be shut away in a quiet corner of Washington while the strategic thinkers get on with more important geopolitical issues — as it was through the 1980s.

As Bruce Stokes writes in a book just published by the Council on For-eign Relations, "Trade Strategies for a New Era," the United States is en- for America but also that they want the tering a tortuous transition from a foreign policy shaped by geopolitics to from imports. That is proving fertile one driven by geoeconomics.

In the past few years, the United States has crossed a historic threshold from being a largely self-sufficient, continental economy to one that is truly international. Foreign trade represent-

The economic reality is that America must continue to expand its trade if Trade has also become a major means national interest lies in opening other and by bringing new countries such as that has so far gone largely un-China and Russia into the Western- answered. It is high time.

Yet there has been a steady decline in sponsibility for keeping world trade trade initiatives - culminating in Pres-

negotiating authority last autumn rather Trade is no longer a small, obscure than risk seeing Congress reject it.

Last week, in his State of the Union. address, Mr. Clinton promised to renew the request. But if it is to pass, he will have to make much bigger efforts to win over the doubters on Capitol Hill.

The general public seems to be of two minds about trade. Americans tell opinion pollsters that free trade is good government to protect American jobs ground for anti-free-trade activists at a time when the huge changes wrought by globalization are breeding wide-

spread insecurity. The main danger is ignorance. Many of the new generation on Capitol Hill ed 13 percent of gross domestic know much less about how trade works than their predecessors. Far too few people understand how dependent on

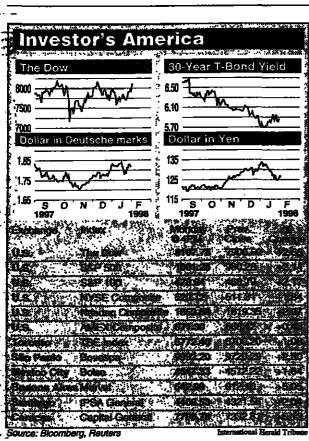
trade the country has become. The book from the Council of Forit is to keep building its prosperity. eign Relations is part of a wider effort now getting under way by free-traders jobs, and an increasing share of the of extending U.S. influence world-in Washington to bring the facts to light wide, both through trade agreements and counter the anti-trade campaign

If hostile feelings toward trade are allowed to flourish in a period of full public and congressional support for employment, it will be far more difficult to confront them when recession liberalization moving forward and setident Bill Clinton's decision to withstrikes — and imports from struggling ting a good example to ensure that the draw a request for new fast-track trade Asian economies get even cheaper.

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### **Very briefly:**

- Hongkong Bank of Canada said that, subject to regulatory approval, it had agreed to acquire the British concern National Westminster Bank's banking subsidiary in Canada.
- Gannett Co.'s fourth-quarter net income jumped 18 percent, to \$230.4 million from \$195.6 million a year earlier; the company reported record earnings at its flagship newspaper
- Vencor Inc., a provider of long-term health care, is spinning off a \$2.5 billion real-estate investment trust, called VenTrust, which will own Vencor's properties.
- Harveys Casino Resorts will be bought by an affiliate of Colony Capital Inc. and some Harveys executives for \$28 a share in cash, or a total of \$420 million.
- BMC Software Inc. agreed to buy BGS Systems Inc. for Reuters, AP. Bloomberg about \$285 million in stock.

### **Weekend Box Office**

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Titanic" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$26 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on estimates for Friday through Sunday.

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1. Titonic	(Twentieth Century-Fast)	\$26 million
2. Great Expectations	(Twentist) Century-Fox)	\$9.9 million
3. Good Will Hunting	(Miramax)	\$8.5 million
4. Spice World	(Calumbia Pictures)	\$7 million
5. As Good As it Gets	(Trister)	S6.6 million
6. Desperate Measures	(Tristar)	\$5.8 million
7. Wag the Dag	(New Line Cinema)	\$5 million
8. Deep Rising	(Hallywood Pictures)	\$4.6 mHilon
9. Follen	(Warner Bros.)	\$7.7 million
9. Hard Rain	(Paramount)	S2_7 million

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# Memos Linked to Reuters-Bloomberg Case

By Kurt Eichenwald New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Federal prosecutors have obtained more than 100 written communications between an American subsidiary of Reuters Holdings PLC and a consulting company that investigators say they suspect was hired to steal information from the computers of a competitor, Bloomberg LP, people in touch with the nvestigation said.

The communications from the subsidiary, Reuters Analytics Inc., include memos and other records requesting detailed information about technical programs for analyzing invest-

ments, these people said.

The consultant was then said to have electronically broken into Bloomberg's corporate computers and obtained the information. Afterward, it was passed along to Reuters, at times directly to the parent company's London

to have obtained the consultant's responses.

The computer consulting company, whose name could not be immediately determined, was said by people briefed on the case to have been founded by a former employee of Bloomberg. They said the company was based near the Stamford, Connecticut, headquarters

of Reuters Analytics.

Prosecutors obtained the documents during an undercover investigation of Reuters Analytics that has lasted about a year. In the investigation, at least one confidential informant helped the government obtain an array of evidence, including tapes. A spokesman for Ren-ters America declined to comment,

The written communications would be the first documentary evidence known to have been obtained by prosecutors in the case. Such written communications, including messages sent by e-mail, would be potentially critical

headquarters, they said. Prosecutors were said evidence, because they could be used to show which executives were connected to the purported scheme.

Reuters has placed three executives of the subsidiary on paid leave. They are said to be Hubert Holmes, the unit's head, and Jeff Walker and James Feingold, two executives in the unit. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Feingold declined to comment. A home telephone number for Mr. Walker could not be obtained.

More than \$6.5 billion is spent annually to keep computer terminals on the desks of Wall Street spewing out up-to-the-second bond and equity prices and currency values and offering complex analytical tools that use years of historical and contemporary data to make market predictions. People briefed on the investigation said prosecutors had obtained evidence that Reuters was stealing information from Bloom-berg's operating code, the software that governs the functioning of Bloomberg's terminals.

General Motors rose after Dae-

woo Group, South Korea's

second-largest automaker, said it

would hold talks with GM to

Harveys Casino Resorts climbed after the operator of

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(Bloomberg, AP)

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**Dollar Falls** 

NEW YORK — The dollar slumped against the yen and Deutsche mark Monday as rallies in Asian financial markets lessened the allure of the currency and U.S. bonds and Japanese officials said they would consider new measures to spur the country's faltering econ-

Stock markets and currencies across Asia soared, led by a 14.3

### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE**

percent leap in Hong Kong's benchmark Hang Seng Index, fueling optimism the region's turmoil

may be abating.

This move is based on the perceived calm in Southeast Asia," said Maureen McFarland, a currency specialist at MacKay Shields Financial Corp. "The market is factoring out the safe-haven status that led the dollar higher against the mark.

In late trading, the dollar fell to 1.8174 DM from 1.8295 DM on Friday and to 126.52 yen from 126.95 yen.

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The dollar was also at 1.4759 Swiss francs, down from 1.4735 francs, and at 6.0906 French francs. down from 6.1345 francs. The pound was at \$1.6393, up from \$1.6335.

Many investors sought refuge in dollars in recent months as Asian financial markets plummeted amid mounting debt, rising interest rates and waning investor confidence.

The dollar also was hurt after a report showed an unexpected decline in U.S. manufacturing activity in January as export orders fell for the first time in two years. That, combined with speculation that Germany's economy may gather steam in coming months, lured some investors to marks.

"The European economies are coming out of a slow-growth sce-Ms. McFarland said. "When you juxtapose that with a U.S. economy that is slowing because of Southeast Asia, that leads you to believe the mark will strengthen." A slowing economy keeps inflation in check and makes it less likely that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates soon. Fed policymakers begin a two-day meeting Tuesday.

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# RALLY: Merger Fever in Pharmaceuticals Carries Wall Street to Big Gains

the target of a takeover by Aetna.

The unit could fetch \$1.2 billion

Pacific Scientific surged more

to \$1.3 billion, one of the people

than \$4 after Danaher said it would

buy the maker of electrical and

safety equipment for \$30.25 a

share. Sandwich Bancorp. rallied

after CompassBank offered to buy

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the Massachusetts-based bank for

In the economy, expectations

for slower growth and inflation

have raised investors' confidence

that the Federal Reserve Board

will leave interest rates unchanged

at this week's two-day policy

meeting, which begins Tuesday.

The National Association of

monthly manufacturing index fell

to 52.4 last month from 53.1 in

December. A reading above 50

suggests the manufacturing econ-

omy is expanding.

Gary Campbell, chief invest-

ment officer at Commerce Bank

Investment Management Corp. in

St. Louis, said the firm recently

increased the portion of stock

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crisis was over. SmithKline Beecham and Glaxo Wellcome's merger talks fueled gains in other drugmakers on the expectation that their shares would rise if they became acquisition targets.

Schering-Plough, Pharmacia & Upjohn, Pfizer Inc., Eli Lilly & Co., Merck & Co. and Johnson & Johnson all rose.

American Home Products Corp. missed the rally because the talks between SmithKline and Glazo scuttled months of meetings between SmithKline and American Home. American Home fell.

Computer-related companies gained as concern about the impact of Asia's financial crisis eased. Larry Ellison, chairman of Oracle Corp., told the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, that the company did not expect profit to be hurt by Asia this quarter.

Microsoft jumped after Morgan Stanley's Mr. Wien advised clients to buy it. Mr. Wien cut the cash portion in his model portfolio. saying be expected stocks to rally in the months ahead. He also recommended broadcast media, newspapers, retail companies, regional banks, airlines and Cisco Systems, which rose.

EMC, Xilinx, Oracle. Peoplesoft and Dell Computer gained.

National Semiconductor Corp. was an exception and fell after the company said its third-quarter earnings may not meet analysts' expectations because of slower sales in Asia.

The drug industry was not the only one to get a lift from takeover speculation. Oxford Health Plans and 34 percent bonds on Jan. 13. 'What we were seeing in mid-Inc. rose amid reports the troubled managed-care company may be January was a bottoming of stocks in Asia, and we remained very positive in terms of the potential Aetna, meanwhile, plans to sell its life insurance unit, according to for solid economic growth in the two people familiar with the situ-U.S.," Mr. Campbell said.

When you looked at the environment for stocks, it looked quite attractive.

Companies whose profits do best when the economy expands and interest rates are subdued were among the day's biggest gainers. International Paper rose, Allied-Signal climbed, and Dow Chemical Co. gamed. Deere & Co. rose, as did Ford Motor.

# Apple Phasing Out Sales at 5 Chains, Leaving CompUSA as National Retailer

CUPERTINO, California, --the computer retailer CompUSA would be the only national retail chain to sell its computers, phasing out sales at five other national

Apple, which already had an greement to build small boutiques for Macintosh products inside CompUSA stores, said it would & Co., Best Buy Co., Circuit City, which Computer City and Office Max kets. stores.

In addition to CompUSA's 148 stores, Apple will continue to be sold by regional retail chains, specialized Apple dealers, computer dealers and catalogs. The move marks the latest pull-

back by Apple, whose Macs are losing share in a home-computer Apple Computer Inc. said Monday market that the company once dominated. Many consumers have instead been buying less expensive computers running on Microsoft's Windows operating system.

Apple said its sales at Comp

USA had grown since the chain began more aggressively promoting its PCs last year.

CompUSA focuses more on phase out sales at Sears, Roebuck education, design and publishing, which are important Apple mar-

"This does not represent a retreat from retail but instead a redefinition of what the retail buying experience will be for our customers," Mitch Mandich, an Apple vice president, said.

(Bloomberg, AP)

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# Dollar Falls European Banks Against Yen To Feel Asia's Pain

Standard & Poor's Says French Firms, Led by Credit Lyonnais, Are Most Exposed

PARIS — French banks are the Poor's added. most vulnerable in Europe to the Asian crisis, and German banks are exposure to Asia, although it is more also exposed but should be able to absorb the damage. Standard & the company said. In addition, the Poor's Corp. said Monday.

Losses among European banks are expected to be as high as \$20 billion from exposure to the four most troubled countries in Asia, the rating concern said. Standard & Poor's found that European banks had exposure of more than \$100 billion to Indonesia, South Korea, Thailand and Malaysia.

But the agency said it expected that European banks diversified earnings sources and improved home base would allow them to absorb Asian write-downs without "material damage" to their cred-itworthiness. S&P said about 20 European banks accounted for 85 percent to 90 percent of Europe's total Asian exposure.

French banks are the most vulnerable, particularly Credit Lyonnais, it said.

*Credit Lyonnais, Societe Generale and Banque Nationale de Paris have the most at stake in the region, with proportionally less exposure for the Credit Agricole and Paribas groups," Standard & Poor's said in its survey of the impact of the crisis on banks in Europe.

Regarding Credit Lyonnais, the state-owned bank that had to be bailed out after accumulating bil-lions of dollars in losses, S&P said 'write-downs in Asia in 1998 could prevent the bank from posting a profit and delay the privatization by a year or two.

It added, "Extensive business and geographic diversification plus a strong commercial position in the French market should enable Societe Generale to continue to improve pre-provision earnings in 1998 and cope with expected further losses from Asia. "

It said Societe Generale and BNP had "roughly the same type of business positions" in Asia.

Credit Agricole's "greater capital mass and better operating profitability will allow it to swallow the problems more easily than its three and economies.

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German banks also have a large spread out than in the case of France, health of the German banking sector "will allow individual banks to ab-

were even less affected. Their domestic operations had been very profitable, it said, so the country's banks have had "little incentive to chase cross-border business.

Separately, Commerzbank AG said its 1997 risk provisions for Asia totaled nearly 1 billion Deutsche marks (\$547.5 million) out of a total 1997 risk provision of 2.0 billion DM, compared with 1.68 billion DM in 1996.

Releasing provisional 1997 earnbillion DM, up from 1.86 billion DM in 1996.

(Reuters, Bridge News)

■ Morgan Faces Downgrade Moody's Investors Service Inc. has placed the debt of J.P. Morgan & Co. on review for a possible downgrade because of the bank's exposure to weakening Asian economies, one week after Standard & Poor's said it was considering sim-

ed from New York. The company also changed its long-term outlooks to negative for Citicorp and Bankers Trust New York Corp., citing similar concerns about economic deterioration in

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The review of J.P. Morgan "will consider the possibility of additional economic stress in the region and further deterioration in asset quality," Moody's said. The review will encompass Morgan's exposures to other emerging markets, it said, and the possibility that "contagion" effects from the Asian crisis could



BRANSON WINS - Richard Branson, the Virgin Group chief, on his way to court Monday, where he won a libel suit against GTECH Corp. and its chairman, Guy Snowden. The suit involved allegations of bribery tied to Mr. Snowden.

# **Air-Travel Rise Helps BAA** would propose a 1997 dividend of 1.50 DM a share, up from 1.35 DM a share, up from 1.35 DM a share a year earlier. It said operating profit after risk provisions was 2.3 billion DM are found to the compiled by Ow Staff From Dispositors.

LONDON - BAA PLC, the operator of seven British airports, said Monday that profit rose 20 percent in its third quarter as growth in air travel offset a stronger pound that cut sales to overseas visitors.

Net income for the three months that ended Dec. 31 rose to £84 million (\$137 million) from £70 million airport retailing. a year earlier. In the nine months to Dec. 31, pretax profit rose to £415 million from £397 million.

The company said it expected airport traffic to grow about 7 percent a year, and that outlook helped lift BAA shares 9 pence to close at 487. "It's a good set of workmanlike figures," Marshall Whiting, an analyst with SGST Securities, said. There has been a hit because of sterling, but passenger growth is still very strong.

Revenue from airport user charges for the nine months rose 4.2 percent, to £400.9 million, while income from property increased 8 percent, to £181.4 million.

Total retail revenue increased to £673.5 million, including £158.6 million from its newly acquired Duty Free International business.

December because of a drop in tourist traffic to and from Asia and competition from the Paris-London service through the Channel Tunnel.

The chief executive, Sir John Egan, said the Asian economic crisis and strength of the pound provided "a challenging environment" for

BAA also said it might exceed its £440 million budget to build the Heathrow Express rail link between central London and Heathrow Air-(Reuters, Bloomberg)

■ Progress on BA-AA Alliance

The European Union competition chief. Karel van Miert, said he was optimistic of finding a compromise with British Airways and American Airlines over their long-planned alliance, Reuters reported from Brussels. He said he hoped an announcement would be made this month.

But he rejected the airlines' proposal that the EU allow the alliance to go ahead on all routes except trans-Atlantic ones and only endorse the trans-Atlantic connection when slots became available at Heathrow airport.

# Loss in '97 of \$1.13 Billion On BZW Sale

LONDON - Barclays PLC disclosed a 1997 pretax loss Monday of £688 million (\$1.13 billion) resulting from the sale of its BZW investment-banking division.

Analysts said they were surprised by the size of the loss, which consisted of £340 million for the withdrawal itself, a £129 million charge for goodwill and a £219 million operating loss.

"They are talking about nearly £700 million, said John Aitken, a UBS banking analyst. "That is a lot more than expected. The good thing is they are finished with it now: it is somebody else's problem.'

While not commenting on the cost of the sale, the chief executive of Barclays, Martin Taylor, defended his decision. "We made a strategic decision to redefine our investmentbanking business in the autumn because continuing to invest in parts of the business no longer made com-mercial sense for us. 'he said.

Barclays' shares see-sawed after the announcement but closed at £18.86, up 50 pence.
The BZW losses are expected to

be treated as an exceptional cost. The company's group profit for 1997 — due to be reported Feb. 17 is expected to be about £2.5 billion before the loss.

Barclays said in October it would withdraw from the equities, equity capital markets and corporate advisory businesses as well as its Australasian investment-banking business. It consolidated its markets division, debt-related structuring, lending and private equity businesses in a new operation called Barclays Capital, which the bank said would report an operating profit

of £248 million for 1997. The move followed prolonged speculation that Mr. Taylor was considering selling the entire BZW investment bank, in which Barclays had invested considerable capital in an attempt to be one of a handful global financial-services providers. Credit Suisse First Boston bought the European equities, equity capital markets and corporate advisory businesses as well as parts of the same operations in Asia.

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• Iberia Air Lines of Spain will announce plans Tuesday to buy about 50 planes in what it called the largest European civil-aircraft order ever. The order will be the first stage of a fleet renovation that could cost as much as 500 billion pesetas (\$3.23 billion). The airline has said it will by the planes from Boeing Co., Airbus Industrie or both.

• Adam Opel AG, the European unit of General Motors Corp., is considering a 1 billion Deutsche mark (\$547.5 million) investment to rebuild its main German factory near Frankfurt. Opel estimates a new plant would allow it to trim as many as 4,000 jobs in Germany.

• Julius Baer Holding AG's 1997 net profit rose 54 percent, to 202.4 million Swiss francs (\$136.5 million) amid a rise in commission and trading income. The banking and asset-man-agement company predicted that 1998 would be "favorable" and that commission income would keep rising.

• Britain plans to award Ford Motor Co.'s Jaguar unit £43 million (\$70.3 million) in aid to support production of a cheaper luxury sports sedan at Ford's Halewood plant near Liverpool. The work will maintain employment at the plant after Ford stops making its Escort model there in 2000. The new Jaguar model, a rival to the BMW 3-series code-named the X-400, is scheduled to be introduced in 2001.

• SVB Syndicates Ltd., a leading Lloyd's syndicate, announced its first sale of an insurance policy covering banks against the risk of so-called rogue trading. The syndicate, which launched the policy in October, described the unidentified buyer as a large New York-based financial institution.

 French consumer prices rose 1.2 percent in 1997, compared with 2 percent in 1996. Separately, new car registrations rose 13.1 percent in January from a year earlier, to 138,344.

 Toyota Motor Corp. appointed a Spaniard, Juan Jose Diaz Ruiz, vice president of Toyota's European operation based in Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters

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# Economy Slips as Hong Kong Holds On to Dollar Link

By Edward A. Gargan New York Times Service

HONG KONG - Leung Pak Lan thought life was pretty good; then Asia's economic and financial wreckage collapsed on his red and silver taxicab.

A slight man in his mid-50s, Mr. Leung owns his own cab — a fervent aspiration once, but now a choice he rues.

"Business is definitely bad these days," he said, piloting his stick-shift Toyota through the clotted streets of the Wanchai shopping district. What upsets him most is that when he bought his taxi license five months ago, he says, it cost 3.1 million Hong Kong dollars, or \$397,000. Now it is worth only about 2 million dollars, he says.

Shored up by hefty budget and trade surpluses and \$92.8 billion in foreign exchange reserves, Hong Kong's economy has proved more robust than the economies of its neigh-bors. Its companies have comparatively small debt loads, and there are no empty office towers. But the ripples of the region's distress are nevertheless lapping at the shores of Hong

Retailers are hurting, companies are shedding jobs, and real-estate development, long a

pillar of the economy, is slowing. Though economic stability and prosperity of Hong and newest of the breed, Peregrine Investsome of these problems are a result of the regional collapse, Hong Kong is being buffeted primarily by a problem of its own mak-

ing: its monetary policy. Unlike the currency of other countries in the region, the Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the U.S. dollar, at a rate of about 7.75 to 1, a link that has forestalled currency instability here but has begun to rattle some sectors of the economy. Even Tung Chee-hwa, the man chosen by Beijing to be Hong Kong's chief executive, acknowledges that maintaining the link is causing problems.

former shipping entrepreneur, told the territory's Beijing-picked legislature two weeks ago, the following consequences can be ex-

The Hong Kong dollar interest rate goes up; property prices come down; the stock market lingers at low levels; tourism is "in the doldrums"; consumer spending fades; economic growth in 1998 "will slow down significantly," and unemployment will rise.
Nonetheless, Mr. Tung has repeatedly de-

clared that the link with the U.S. dollar will be maintained at all costs.

"This is a basic policy to maintain the

Kong," Mr. Tung said.
Although no one in authority is talking

publicly about any alternative monetary policies, the ramifications of keeping the peg are evident in the Hong Kong economy.

Mortgage interest rates have touched 12 percent, raising monthly payments, hurting property prices, increasing retailers' costs, depressing the stock market — and undermining the value of taxi licenses, which are usually bought with bank loans that now carry sharply higher rates.

nk is causing problems.

Not only has Mr. Leung's cab license
In defending the currency link, Mr. Tung, a slumped in value, but Hong Kong's famously high-priced real estate is taking a battering. With prices now 20 percent to 30 percent below their peaks of barely three months ago, several high-profile companies' debt levels are stirring anxieties in the stock market, where property and development companies are pillars of the 33-stock benchmark Hang Seng Index.

As the economy begins to contract — the government predicts growth this year of 4 percent, down from 5.5 percent last year, and private analysts are more pessimistic - a growing number of investment banks and brokerage houses are cutting jobs that were

ments Holdings Ltd., collapsed last month.

Along Hong Kong's shopping thorough-fares, the mood is increasingly gloomy. The situation has become so bad for Hong Kong's retail industry that it has called on landlords to cut rents by 40 percent.

So far, none of Hong Kong's major landlords have responded to the retailers' plea, although the Hong Kong Housing Authority announced that it was freezing rents on commercial establishments in public buildings.

And then there is tourism, which once helped fuel Hong Kong's economy. Although official data are lagging behind, figures for November showed a 22 percent decline in tourist arrivals compared with November 1996.

### ■ GDP Growth Slowed in 3d Period

The government said Monday that Hong Kong's economic growth in the third quarter slowed to a still-robust annual rate of 5.7 percent after inflation, Agence France-Presse

Growth in gross domestic product was 6.0 percent in the first quarter and 6.8 percent in the second period. But a government spokesman cautioned that fourth-quarter data would probadded during the boom years. The brashest ably show a marked slackening in growth.

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# GM Confirms Daewoo Talks But Won't Discuss Buying In

By Don Kirk

SEOUL — General Motors Corp. and the Daewoo Group confirmed Monday that they were discussing a range of deals for working together, but refused to say if GM would take a stake in the Korean company.

'Merger and acquisition is certainly a consideration," Alan Perriton, president of GM Korea, said memorandum of understanding with Kim Tae Gou, representative director and former chairman of Daewoo Motor Co.

Mr. Perriton emphasized that GM was open to options ranging from marketing to financing to distribution and co-production of vehicles. Daewoo Motor is Korea's secondlargest carmaker and the largest entity in the Daewoo Group, Korea's fourth-largest conglomerate.

Mr. Perriton said that he had been talking "off and on" with Daewoo for the past year and a half, but that Korea's economic problems sourced the pace of the talks.

Under pressure from the Internamarkets to increased foreign investment as part of a \$60 billion bailout to come to the rescue."

plan, Seoul has promised to cut some of the bureaucracy and restrictions on mergers.

Daewoo Motor was 50 percent owned by GM from 1978 until 1992, when Daewoo bought out GM's share. Kim Woo Choong, chairman of the Daewoo Group, chafed at the time under what he regarded as GM's conservative attitude toward his global expansion plans.

Daewoo Motor, which is not lisin an interview after signing a ted on the Korean stock exchange, is believed by some analysts to have a debt-to-equity ratio of at least 5-to-1. The average ratio of Korea's major companies is about 3-to-1, a figure that the IMF has said must drop.

Critics say the company has invested far beyond its means in building a \$1 billion plant in Korea, buying and rebuilding motor vehicle plants in Poland, Romania, Uzbekistan and Ukraine, and taking over the bankrupt Ssangyong Motor Co. while assuming half its debt.

Daewoo Motor sold 16,169

vehicles last month, compared with 45,106 in January.

'It would be logical to presume that Daewoo is having financial tional Monetary Fund to open up its concerns," said Mr. Perriton, but he denied that Daewoo had "asked us



Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, left, who resigned as finance minister, turning over the office Monday to Hikaru Matsunaga.

# **Japan Hints at Stimulus**

TOKYO - Japan's new finance minister, Hikaru Matsunaga, hinted Monday that the trillion yen (\$47.9 billion) pumpgovernment might draw up fur-ther measures to stimulate an Separately, the president of a ther measures to stimulate an economy that is expected to barely grow this year.

On Saturday, Hiromu Nonaka, said.

acting secretary-general of the Liberal Democratic Party, said he would urge the drafting of a 6

local branch of Japan Highway Public Corp., Toshihide Sasaki, 56, hanged himself Monday in Mr. Matsunaga said the government would "pay attention" Hiroshima, the police said. He to calls for additional stimulus was to have been questioned by measures. He replaced Hiroshi prosecutors in a corruption in-Mitsuzuka, who resigned over a quiry at the semigovernmental agency, Kyodo news agency (Bloomberg, Reuters)

# **Hopewell Revises** Strategy as Project In Bangkok Fizzles

HONG KONG - Hopewell

Holdings Ltd. said Monday it would focus on businesses in Hong Kong and China after the cancellation of a \$3.7 billion Bangkok transit project underlined the unraveling of its Asian growth strategy.

"We'll focus on large-scale infrastructure projects in China and Hong Kong property and notels." said Robert Nien, an executive director at the Hong Kong-based en-

gineering company.

The company has a network of toll roads and bridges in China's Guangdong Province.

The company, controlled by the Hong Kong entrepreneur Gordon Wu Ying-sheung, had bet that build-ing roads and private power plants in the region's developing nations would drive its earnings. But project delays, plummeting currencies and slowing economies in the region thwarted plans to build in the Philippines and Indonesia.

The company said Monday it had received formal notice that the Thai government had canceled its planned Bangkok Elevated Road and Train System, Mr. Nien played down the effect of the cancellation, but the company said it was considering suing the Thai government.

### Very briefly:

 Banque Nationale de Paris SA confirmed it would buy the equity division in China of Peregrine Investments Holdings Ltd. and said it would leave the former Peregrine managing director Francis Leung in charge of the unit.

• Japanese prosecutors requested a 10-year prison sentence for Yasuo Hamanaka, the former chief copper trader of Sumitomo Corp., for fraud and forgery in connection with \$2.6 billion in trading losses.

 Wharf (Holdings) Ltd.'s long-term credit rating was lowered to A-minus from A by Standard & Poor's Corp., which cited its rising debt burden and worsening earnings prospects.

• Japan Tobacco Inc. will buy all the outstanding shares in the Japanese unit of the U.S. food company Pillsbury Co. Daihatsu Motor Co. of Japan began domestic sales of its new compact car, the Storia, and plans to begin exporting it in April, mainly to Europe.

• Daesang Group, the South Korean conglomerate formerly known as Miwon Group, is negotiating to sell its medical, fertilizer and livestock operations to foreign investors as part of a plan to sell \$1 billion in assets.

• Advanced Semiconductor Engineering Inc., a Taiwanbased packager of computer chips, expects sales to grow 36 percent, to 17.3 billion Taiwan dollars (\$508.8 million), this year, with rising demand in the United States and Europe offsetting a slowdown in Asia.

# Siam Cement Lists Currency Loss

BANGKOK - Siam Cement PCL had a foreign-exchange loss of about 38 billion baht (\$707 million) last year in the wake of the July 2 devaluation of the baht, a company executive said Monday.

The company, Thailand's biggest maker of industrial materials, is also its largest foreign debtor, with about \$4.1 billion in foreign-currency debt. In the first nine months of 1997, it had a loss of 21.9 billion baht, reversing a profit of 5.9 billion baht a year earlier. Its full-year earnings report is due in March.

# GIRLS: Software Designers and Marketers Are Catering to a New Type of Customer

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will appeal to both boys and girls. The content of some girls' games

has also come under attack, with some criticizing such titles as Barbie Fashion Designer and Barbie Magic Hair Styler, the top two sellers last year. They argue that Barbie software, in particular, not only preserves narrow stereotypes of women but is of limited

"On the one hand, the Barbie software is great — it really opened up retailers' eyes that there was a market PC Data. for these games," said Roberta Furger, author of a new book, "Does Jane Compute? Preserving Our Daughters' Place in the Cyber Revolution." At the same time, she warned,

by saying Barbie equals girls' software." There needs to be a variety of games appealing to all girls, she said. Susan Brady, a California psychotherapist who has studied how girls use technology, says she dislikes the all of the old stereotypes - that only forth." she said.

But those who market the Barbie games say the software encourages girls to think creatively and exposes them to computers, which could be of lifelong benefit.

Whatever the criticism, Barbie sells. The doll starred in four of the five best-selling girls' software titles last year, with the most popular, Barsales of \$14.4 million, according to

And Barbie isn't alone in attracting this kind of criticism. The Rockett game, developed by Purple Moon of Mountain View, California, features several scenarios that could easily be labeled as trivial.

'You don't want to define the market For example, Rockett is near tears when she discovers that another class-mate is wearing the same outfit. "It's only the first day, and already I'm blowing it fashion-wise," Rockett frets, leaving some parents to worry teaches French and Spanish vocab-Barbie software and the message it that they are blowing it by exposing sends to youngsters. "It encourages their girls to such superficiality.

But Purple Moon officials say this beautiful women are valued, and so is just one scenario and that the software has real benefits, such as introducing girls to diversity through a cast that is multicultural.

The games of Her Interactive provoke similar discussions. The Bellevue, Washington, company was an early pioneer, releasing a series of CD-ROMs called McKenzie & Co. in

The games, aimed at girls 8 to 16. bie Fashion Designer, generating star Kim and Carly, two high school girls determined to make the most of eir junior year. Girls role-play the characters as they make important de-cisions in their social lives, including dating, slumber parties and the prom.

Some companies have tried to incorporate a more educational tone in their software. One big seller is Cre-ative Wonders' Madeline Classroom Companion Series, a set of CD-ROMs that allows children to explore Paris with the spunky French girl of book and television fame. The game also plary and includes math puzzles.

Another bestseller, Learning Co.'s

American Girls Premiere, encourages creative expression. The CD-ROM. which is based on a line of historical fiction books, dolls and accessories, encourages girls to write and produce their own "play" starring the five American Girl characters — Felicity, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha and Molly.

'For girls, it's not so much about how many coins you win or how many aliens you kill," said Holly Smevog, producer of girls' software at Creative Wonders, based in Redwood City, California. "Girls like story lines, real-life situations, handson experiences and developing relationships with characters."

Ms. Brady, the psychotherapist, said games like these also could help a

girl's emotional health. 'People need to know what the next step in their development is go-ing to be," she said. "These kind of relational games give girls an idea of what happens next — it teaches them empathy, it teaches them how to re-solve differences, and it does it in such a way that it doesn't talk down to

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### CRISIS: Amid Asian Turmoil, Some Investors Are Looking Toward Latin America 1994 Mexican crisis. I have talked to ments of our stabilization program." the presidents of Chile, Brazil and Mr. McLarty noted that Brazil had vestors demanded it. "My concern

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"This is an opportunity to invest in Latin America because these are countries that have high growth rates, stable economies and stable politics." Mr. Lindahl said in an interview that

some capital flowing out of the emerging markets of East Asia was already finding its way to Latin America.

The ABB chief said he had been impressed that "within days of the Asian crisis unfolding, these counmeasures. They learned from the our ability — to defend the achieve-

the presidents of Chile, Brazil and electrical engineering group, said: Argentina here in Davos and I am very confident that with the actions taken, the impact of the Asian crisis will be minor, if any."

President Fernando Henrique Car-doso of Brazil conceded to the 2,000 government officials and business executives here that Brazil had felt some effect, but he added: "Our response has been fast and

decisive. We acted to preserve market confidence and to eliminate any doubt tries implemented exactly the right in relation to our determination - and

bumped interest rates up to 40 percent to defend its currency, while Mexico had moved speedily to cut public spending in line with falling oil revasian cris President Ernest Zedillo of Mexico

stressed in an interview here that "it is not up to me to give lessons to Asia," but he was keen to underscore the way Mexico had moved two weeks ago to cut public expenditures by \$2 billion. He went on to say that, in making the net impact of a decline in these the budget cuts, Mexico wanted to exports would not be serious, and

was that we should not wait for market pressure," he said, "We needed to Aides to Mr. Zedillo noted that the Asian crisis would affect some Mex-

ican exports, especially in the textiles, was because of weaker demand as economic growth slows worldwide and tougher competition from Asian producers armed with cheap currencies. But Mr. Zedillo and his aides said

# Gates Says Antitrust Suit Won't Affect The Way Microsoft Conducts Business

take action before international in- investors here appeared to agree.

DAYOS, Switzerland - Microsoft Corp. will not have to make any fundamental business changes because of an antitrust case brought by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bill Gates, the company's chairman, said

the potential impact of the charges that Microsoft used improper business practices to expand its position in the crucial Internet browser market.

The key point at the center of this case, that we need to be able to

"It is not something that is going to fundamentally change what Microsoft does.'

# **Very briefly: Davos**

• France Telecom SA's chairman and chief executive, Michel Bon, said he would not become involved in a "uscless" price war in the com-Pany's domestic telecommunications market, but he said he would not allow any price gaps in the market to be become too large.

Volkswagen AG has suffered a "very clear" impact from the Asian financial crisis and remains concemed over prospects in the region, Robert Buechelhofer, a VW board member, said. He called the market in Japan, where VW is the largest car importer, "very subdued."

Oracle Corp.'s chairman, Larry Ellison, said the financial crisis in Asia had halted his company's sales growth in the region.

Publicis SA, the French advertising company, said it had bought a 45 percent stake in Global Event Man-

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agement, the company that organizes the annual Davos Economic Summit. It did not disclose the price.

• Business done over the Internet in Europe has accelerated in the past few months, mirroring an increase in the United States, the chairman of Dell Computer Corp., Michael

• SAP AG's sales growth in 1998 will be 30 percent to 35 percent, down from 62 percent last year, Hasso Plattner of the German software concern's executive board

 Sun Microsystems Inc. plans to freeze investment in Asia and increase spending in Europe and Latin America because of the Asian crisis, the company's vice president, Michael Lehman, said.

AFX, AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters

Mr. Gates said investors in the software giant should not worry about "I wouldn't worry too much about this case in terms of what it means

meeting here of the World Economic Forum. continue to enhance the software, we are very confident that that's a point that we will get across," he said.

for shareholders," Mr. Gates said at a news conference at the annual

The Justice Department has charged that Microsoft violated a 1995 consent decree forbidding the company from forcing computer makers that license Windows software to use other Microsoft products as well.

including its Internet Explorer Web browser. Microsoft has asked an appeals court to throw out all the charges. CHARLES TO THE STATE OF THE STA

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### Pistons Fire Collins

BASKETBALL The Detroit Pistons dismissed Doug Collins as coach Monday. Collins will be replaced by an assistant, Alvin Gentry. Rick Sund will assume Collins's job of director of basketbali operations.

Collins led the Pistons to winning records in his first two seasons, including a 54-28 record last season. This season the team has struggled to reach .500. Collins has often clashed with players. (AP)

### \$55 Million for Salas?

SOCCER River Plate, the Argentime champion, has agreed to sell the Chilean striker Marcelo Salas to Lazio of Rome for \$21 million as part of a deal worth \$55 million. Argentine newspapers reported.

The deal includes a net \$17.5

million in wages for Salas over seven years, and \$15.75 million in taxes to be paid by Lazio in Italy, according to Clarin daily. River Plate will not release Salas until

### Record America's Cop Haul

SAILING A record 16 yacht clubs have entered as challengers for the America's Cup in Auckland, New Zealand, in February 2000. The clubs put up bonds by the midnight Saturday deadline, the America's Cup Challenge Association said.

The clubs will compete in the Challenger Series Selection in Auckland in October 1999. The winner will meet a boat from New Zealand, the defending champion, for the America's Cup proper, beginning Feb. 26, 2000. (AP)

### Moon Eclipses NFC

FOOTBALL The Seattle quarterback Warren Moon, at 41 the oldest Pro Bowl player, led a late rally as the AFC beat the NFC, 29-24, on Sunday in Honolulu. Moon, selected the MVP, guided the AFC to a field goal and a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter, scoring the go-ahead TD on a 1-yard run. (AP)

### Too Wet at Pebble Beach

- golf Rain forced the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am to take the unusual step of rescheduling the final round for March 2. Heavy rain overnight and Monday morning flooded the greens. The round will be held next month, on the Monday after the Nissan Open in Valencia, California. Tom Watson was the co-leader after Saturday's second 134.



Aya Kawai, right, and Hiroshi Tanaka of Japan practicing Monday at the White Ring ice arena in Nagano.

# Skater Defends East German Past

By Jere Longman
New York Times Service

N THE former East German sports system, athletes were chosen the way some people choose tomatoes: Body type meant everything. Gunda Niemann was told her legs were too short for track and field. She switched to speed skating at age 17. Nine years later, at the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, she became the first woman to win a

gold medal for a reunified Germany.

"I am very proud of this medal,"
Niemann, 31, said. "It is close to my
heart. I was skating for all of Ger-

She won two gold medals in Albertville and a third at the 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway, becoming dominant in distance skating. She is the world champion at 1,500 meters, 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters. She has adapted well to the new hinged clapskates and could add three more golds in Nagano, Japan, this month.

Because she won all of her medals for a unified Germany, no one is asking that she give any of them back. Her predecessors in the East German system are not so lucky.

East Germany is gone, but revela-tions and suspicions about its dishonest athletic past continue. Some swimmers and officials in the United States, and elsewhere in the West, have demanded that so-called tainted medals be returned and perfidious accomplishments be erased from the books.

Documents and admissions in recent ars have revealed what many had ex-

ternational sports power, in part, through a state-sponsored system of doping. Many athletes apparently did not know they were receiving drugs, believing instead they were taking vitamins. Four former East German swimming coaches and two physicians have been charged with causing harm to 17 teenage athletes in the 1970s and 1980s by giving them

muscle-building anabolic steroids. Continuing investigations by German prosecutors have produced disturbing findings. Petra Kind-Schneider, a gold medalist swimmer at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, has said that she was given steroids beginning at age 14, without her knowledge, and that she now suffers from liver and heart problems.

Heidi Krieger, the 1986 European champion in the shot put, said she was given such huge doses of the male sex hormone testosterone, which serves as a steroid, that she developed facial hair, an Adam's apple and acute psychological problems. According to the magazine Der Spiegel, she considered the process irreversible and has changed her name to Andreas after two operations intended to make her a transsexual.

Reverberations have reached the uper levels of the German government. Ôn Jan. 9, Interior Minister Manfred Kanther rejected as "one-sided" and "absurd" the demands that former East German athletes be stripped of their Olympic medals. Walter Troger, president of the German Olympic Committee, agreed, saying that erasing the results of previous Olympics is "surely not the proper way" of overcoming the problem of doping.

pioned communism by building an in- the West also use performance-enhan- fit and healthy as I can be."

cing drugs, so the East Germans should not be singled out for punishment. One of the main problems with drug testing is that there are no certified tests for two performance-enhancing substances that athletes are widely suspected of using --- human growth hormone, and EPO, or erythropoietin.

"This problem in sport is world-wide," Niemann said. "It's not appropriate to find a scapegoat in the former East Germany.

The International Olympic Committee feels the same way. At meetings in Nagano this week before the Winter Games begin Saturday, the IOC is ex-pected to put a four-year limit on challenges to athletic performances. For instance, if someone questioned a gold medal at the Nagano Games, the matter would have to be successfully challenged before the Salt Lake City Games in 2002, or it would stand forever as a gold medal.

"It is a policy not to rewrite history." said François Carrard, director-general of the IOC. Niemann has repeatedly said that she

did not use drugs as an East German athlete and that she was never an informant for the Stasi, the former East German secret police. She has not been linked to either matter.

German skating authorities said that she is drug-tested up to 30 times a year, sometimes twice in one day, and has never failed a drug test.

'I'm very clean," she said. Asked if she were concerned that she may have been given drugs without her

Juninho, the Brazilian midfielder, could miss the 1998 World Cup in

"Doctor, and the World Cup?" was

Juninho's only question when he was examined, El Pais reported

Juninho, 24, was operated on in a

that required surgery Monday.

# Orioles' Old-Folks Home Needs New Coat of Paint

By Thomas Boswell Vashington Post Service

B. J. Surhoff, a Baltimore Orioles outfielder who will be 34 this season, told the team's general manager, Pat Gillick, last week that "you better hurry up and get me signed to a contract

"Why?" said Gillick. "Because I may be your youngest player," said Surhoff.

The Orioles like to brag that Babe Ruth was born in a house that stood in what now is the outfield of Oriole Park at Camden Yards. It's a good thing Ruth

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isn't buried there, too. The way the Orioles' offseason is going, they might try to rekindle his spirit and start it in right field on Opening Day.
Yes, the Orioles' pitchers and catch-

ers report to spring training in two weeks. The Orioles should be O.K. if their players can remember where Flor-

Last week, the Orioles announced the latest addition to a team they desperately hope will go to the World Series: Ozzie Guillen, supposedly 34. When Guillen reported to Bradenton in the Gulf Coast League in 1981, fresh from Oculare del Tuy, Venezuela, he said he had just numed 17. Nobody believed him.

Previously, the Orioles had added Joe Carter, 38 next month, Doug Drabek, 36 by midseason and Norm Charlton, whose body is 35 but whose left arm -the pertinent part of his anatomy - is

Dennis Martinez, 42, was available but the Orioles took a pass. (The Braves signed him instead). Darren Daulton, 36, retired Friday, ending his baseball career after nine knee operations. Dar-

ren, don't do anything hasty.
How old are the Orioles? On this team, Cal Ripken and Jimmy Key, both 37, are spring chickens. The Orioles' regular season lineup this year will appear on an outpatient basis. Harold Baines will be 39 by Opening Day. But his knees qualify for Medicare.

Forget Eric Davis's recovery from

colon cancer. Just assume it. He's still had more injuries than any player of his generation. At 35, his scars are 53. The most dependable reliever in the bullpen may be Jesse Orosco, soon to be 41. He has gloves that are older than Armando

Normally, if you're 34, you're an aging veteran. On the Orioles, at 34 you're a spark plug. If they reach the Series, Brady Anderson, Rafael Palmeiro, Scott Kamieniecki, Jeff Reboulet and Surhoff all will be 34 and Mike Bordick will be 33. Any catcher is pected — that the East Germans cham- others have pointed out that athletes in consequences, Niemann said, "I'm as reer than his actual age. Past 31, most caveat: The long-term prognosis for di-

No wonder the Orioles want to trade, Jeffrey Hammonds. At 26, he's the only, one on the club who doesn't think of punk rock as New Age.
The Onoles aren't old. They're an-

cient. This isn't a gag. It's a fact. When camp starts, Terry Mathews, Alan Mills and even Roberto Alomar and Scott; Erickson all will be past 30. Baltimore is paying \$70 million in salaries to a team, it fully expects to win a pennant. Yet baseball history says that a team this old. at so many positions has one probable,

destiny: late-season disintegration.

To join the Orioles, it takes more than mere age. You have to provide con-clusive documentation that you have had a stellar career but that, finally, you are probably prime scrap-heap material., Carter hit .234 last year, Guillen hit. 242. Drabek has been a 5.00 earned-run average man for three years.

Then, to Baltimore, you're valuable... The Orioles have a theory: Go For The Old. It's a tactic that's worked for many. contending teams. Add some classy ex-, All-Stars who are at the end of the road. Be smart, unselfish and clutch. Play like true team. Win it all.

But does any club really want to be this old? The team's new manager, Ray. Miller, told Gillick that, when adding personnel, "I only want gamers." He'sgot em. In their primes, a lineup of Anderson, Alomar, Palmeiro, Carter, Rinken, Davis, Baines, Hoiles and Bordick/Guillen might have matched any nine ever assembled. Carter, Ripken and Baines rank Nos. 1-2-3 in the active. runs-batted-in list with a total of more than 4,300 among them.

But how many Orioles players —; besides 29-year-old Mike Mussina —; are in their primes? Perhaps Erickson, Arthur Rhodes and Alomar (if his various ailments heal) still are. The rest?

Very few teams, however, have ever been constructed around one famous pitcher and so many aged question; marks. And even fewer teams, already old. have deliberately spent an offseason getting much older.

The reason's clear. The Orioles have no real choice. The owner forced out a famous, successful manager. In baseball terms, that sends a message throughout the organization that the club should have gone to the World Series last year. but did not. So it must go to the Series this year. How do you get better? You have no hot prospects of note, nor any surplus kids to trade. Your payroll is already bloated. So, you add high-char-acter, low-budget old-timers coming off lousy years.

And then you cross your fingers. By this season's end, Camden Yards ?

may need to be renamed in baseball lore: Jurassic Park, home of a team that could turn out to be the oldest champion .2 are toast. Chris Hoiles will soon be 33. nosaurs has never been good.

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"He might be able to play, but it is at Lecce on Sunday. He sustained the impossible to ignore the problems" said Dr Pedro Guillen. France because of a leg and ankle injury

Juninho Breaks Leg and May Miss World Cup

Juninho, who is 5-foot-3-inches (1.6 The Atletico de Madrid midfielder meters) tall, reportedly broke into tears fractured his fibula and ligaments of his when he head the news. Brazil begins its left ankle when he was fouled by Michel Salgado of Celta Vigo in a Spanish first division match that ended, 1-1, Sunday. defense of the World Cup in France on

"It was not my intention to hurt him," said Michel. "Although, as I was the last defender, I suppose I should have got the

Ciro Ferrara, the Italian defender, Madrid clinic. Doctors there said he may also be out of the World Cup after would need from three to five months to breaking his leg while playing for Italian

injury in a tackle with Alessandro Conticchio and will undergo surgery in Turin on Wednesday when he may have pins inserted to his tibia and fibula.

Ferrara, 30, also missed the 1996 European Championship with a muscle

Riccardo Agricola, the team doctor, said Monday that Ferrara was unlikely to be fit for the World Cup. "I consider it. almost impossible," he said. "Injuries" of this sort usually take five to six months. for a full recovery to match fitness."

(AP, Reuters)

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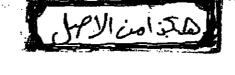
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# THESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 18, Lakers Can Run

world champions." The prodigies and the le-

gends went for a run on Sun-day, and it was not even

NBA ROUNDEP

close. The Los Angeles Lakers simply ran the Chicago Bulls off the floor of the Great Western Forum.

convening in June for something more lasting than a

Bryant was scintillating. Playing some point guard be-cause Nick Van Exel was injured, he finished with 20 points in 26 minutes. He did not stop the master, but he did fense during a third-quarter onslaught in which the Lakers outscored the Bulls by 34-11.

Four road games in six days or not, this was no way to behave before the All-Star Game break.

going in there and just looking around or what, but we

just didn't focus on the game of basketball," said Jordan, who missed 15 of his 26 shots, but still finished with 31 points. He and Scottie Pippen (12 points in 35 minutes) barely left the bench in the fourth quarter.

It was theatrical for two quarters, with Jordan gliding by Bryant and even fooling the youngster on a backdoor play. The fearless 19-year-old came back at the other end. going around Pippen and undemeath Jordan and laying the ball in softly off the glass. But after halftime, Chicago

wilted. Jordan and Luc Longley were the only Bulls to score in the third period. The Lakers' Eddie Jones had 10 in the quarter and finished with 20. O'Neal, in his 14th game back from an abdominal injury, wound up with 24 points and 9 rebounds. Rick Fox led the Lakers with 25 points.

In other games, The Associated Press reported: Spurs 103, Kings 97 In Sacramento, three 7-footers and Will Perdue - gave San Antonio a dominating front line as the Spurs over powered the Kings.

"I thought we wore them down a bit," Robinson said after the Spurs' sixth victory not need to. Jordan and the in the seven games San Ant-Bulls throttled themselves, onio has used the massive showing no desire to play de- front wall. "It's a lot of size for teams to handle." All three achieved double-

doubles in points and rebounds for San Antonio. Robinson finished with 33 points and 18 rebounds, Duncan had 14 points and 12 rebounds and Perdue added 10 points and 14 rebounds. The Kings pulled into a 90-



David Robinson, Tim Duncan The Lakers' Kobe Bryant trying to barrel past the Bulls' Scottie Pippen, left, and Michael Jordan, on a fast break.

90 tie with 2:53 remaining on a 3-pointer by Mitch Richmond, who scored 27 of his 31 points in the second half. Chuck Person's 3-pointer snapped the deadlock and triggered a 9-0 Spurs run for a 99-90 lead with 51 seconds to go. Person finished with 19 points, including all five of

San Antonio 3-pointers. SuperSonics 97, Nets 87 In Seattle, the Sonics' Vin Baker scored 24 points and gave Keith Van Horn, the New Jersey rookie, a lesson. Baker had nine rebounds and two blocked shots in 35 minutes.

blocked shot in 32 minutes. Detlef Schrempf had 20 points and 13 rebounds as Los Angeles, Rik Smits

in 21 games at home. Jazz 115, Warriors 88 Karl Malone scored 20 points and moved into sixth place on the In Portland, Isaiah Rider Utah won on the road against

best record to 36-10. The

Golden State. Robertson's career total of

five rebounds and one two free throws with 5:22 remaining in the first quarter. Pacers 99, Clippers 92 In

Seattle improved its NBA- scored 23 points and Reggie Miller hit a clutch 3-pointer as Sonics won for the 19th time Indiana held off the Clippers for its seventh consecutive victory. Trail Biazers 97, Raptors 90

NBA career scoring list as scored a season-high 38 points for the Blazers. The Raptors, led by Damon Malone entered the game Stoudamire's 21 points, ral-seven points behind Oscar lied from 14 back in the fourth quarter to make it 94-89 on 26,710, and passed the Hall of John Wallace's free throws Van Horn totaled 17 points, Famer by hitting the first of with 33 seconds remaining.

But two free throws by Rider for the tying goal, and Sha-nahan scored his 23d of the and one by Kelvin Cato settled the outcome. season when he sneaked un-

Celtics 107, Rockets 96 In Boston, Antoine Walker posted his first triple-double of the season and Dana Barros scored a season-high 23 points for the Celtics. Knicks 89, Heat 83 In New

season-high 35 points as the Knicks won the latest installment of this intense rivalry. Bucks 118, Timbered 110 Glenn Robinson scored 29 points and Terrell Brandon away later in the period. had 22 points and 12 assists as

Milwaukee won at home.

York, Larry Johnson scored a

To Capitals' Streak It took the Detroit Red 2. "Someday, maybe people" Wings just 64 seconds to put will realize I can play. Mighty Ducks 4, Blackan end to Washington's seven-game unbeaten streak.

Red Wings Put End

NHL ROUNDUP

Olie Kolzig, the Washing-

"We played well — for the

checked to the right post and

Detroit's backup goalie, Kevin Hodson, made 23

saves in his first start for the

Adam Oates's 13th goal gave the Capitals a 2-1 lead

6:55 into the second period,

but Hodson shut them down

stopped Oates on a break-

Red Wings since Jan. 12.

poked the puck into the net.

the Capitals on Sunday.

hawks 3 Teemu Selanne capped a two-goal, two-assist Trailing 2-1 early in the third period, the Red Wings night with his league-leading goals from Aaron 39th score 2:51 into overtime to lift Anaheim to victory at

Paul Kariya scored the other two Ducks' goals before he Ward at 3:12 and Brendan left with a concussion in a Shanahan at 4:16, and Detroit game filled with 121 minutes went on to a 4-2 victory over penalties. Brent Gilchrist added a

Chris Chelios tied the score power-play goal at 7:55 for at 3-3 with 9:14 left in the the Red Wings. It was Dethird period after Tony troit's first victory on the road Amonte missed a penalty shot since Dec. 27, while the Caplate in the second period. Guy itals entered the game 5-0-1 in Herbert had a career and team-record 47 saves for the their last six games at the MCI Ducks.

ton goalie, was the victim of Kruse's slap-shot goal with the Red Wings' third-period 8:40 left in regulation time gave New York the tie, improving the Islanders to 2-0-1 in their last three games.

first two periods anyway."
Kolzig said. "We had a Sabres 5, Panthers 2 Bufchance to beat them. It's disfalo ran its unbeaten streak to five games as Brian Holzinger appointing because I think we had them on the ropes going into the third period." scored the go-ahead goal in the second period and Derek Ward's slap shot sailed Plante added a power-play goal early in the third. over Kolzig's right shoulder

Florida, which had its sixgame home unbeaten streak snapped, fought back from a 2-0 deficit on goals by Radek Dvorak and Ray Whitney before the Sabres regained control.

Vladimir Malakhov scored his first NHL hat trick as Montreal coasted to victory. The Canadiens are unbeaten in 10 games on the road since the rest of the way. He also Christmas. After the game, the Canadiens acquired Zarley Zalapski and Jonas Hoglund Every game, people think from Calgary for Valeri Bure it's my first NHL game," said and future considerations.

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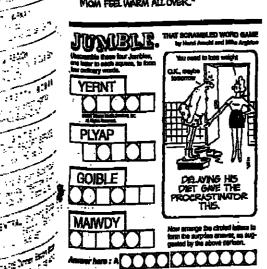
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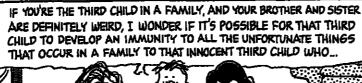
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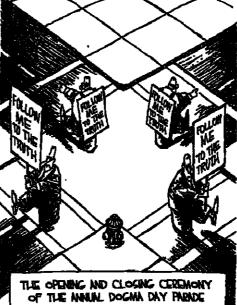




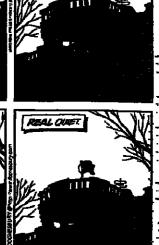




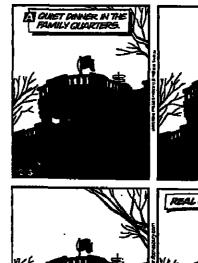
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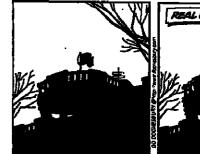






# **DOONESBURY**





# What If ...

WASHINGTON — If you can keep your head when all about you

Are losing theirs and blaming it on you; If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, But make allowance for their doubting too; And if Linda Tripp's tape machine under her bra had failed

And if Monica Lewinsky had been assigned as an intern to our embassy in South Korea

instead of the White House; And if Kenneth Starr had announced that sex scandals had nothing to do with Whitewater;

And if the definition of what constituted a sexual act had nothing to do with oral sex: And if the president had not bought Monica a sweatshirt at the Black Dog on Martha's Vine-

And if Mr. Clinton had apologized to Paula Jones and presented her with a check for \$700,000:

And if Vernon Jordan had not acted as a headhunter for And if the FBI had not tried to talk Monica into recanting

And if Gennifer Flowers had not come back to haunt Mr. Clinton and force him to admit that he did have an affair with her: And if the press had not been bored with a balanced budget and wanted something to lift the country out of its winter

And if Janet Reno had said to Start, "You're barking up the wrong tree, buster";

And if somebody, anybody, in the White House had said, "Mr. President, what you're doing could look bad on Ted Koppel's show': And if Kathleen Willey, a White House aide, had not come

out of the Oval Office looking disheveled, with her lipstick smudged, flustered, happy and joyful (according to Linda

And if the Secret Service had said, "No White House interns can go into the Oval Office without a written O. K. And if all these "ifs" had taken place, the country would

now be talking only about the Winter Olympics; And if you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue; Or walk with kings — nor lose the common touch; If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you; Then, dear Mr. President, hang tough.

### The Little Mermaid Gets Her Head Back

Agence France-Presse OPENHAGEN — The graceful Little Mermaid has her head back a month after being decapitated by vandals, Danish officials said

bronze sculpture,

which stands on the capital's northwest waterfront, had its head welded back on over the weekend but remains hidden from view in a plywood crate while repairs go on. It will not be unveiled until the end of

# Fact vs. Fiction: Pity the Washington Novelist

By David Streitfeld hington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Pity the poor Washington novelist, hunched over his word processor trying to make imagination outfly reality. What invented scenario. what mere contrivance of plot and character, could rival the unlikely characters and improbable events that have saturated the newspapers and airwaves during the past two

Christopher Buckley was coming bome on the Metroliner, working on a chapter in his new novel that involved a black friend of the president, a smooth fixer-type named Burton Galilee.

the newspaper next to him. There was a story about his character's real-life model, Vernon Jordan, and his involvement in the scandal surrounding President Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.
"I just thought, 'Why bother?'

Who needs satire when this show is running?" says Buckley, author of "The White House Mess" and "Thank You for Smoking." "The hardest part of being a comic novelist is competing with the front

David Baldacci, author of the popular presidential thriller "Absolute Power," seconds the notion that "the imagination of even the best fiction writers is constantly usurped by real events. The temptation for the writer is to keep going to such extremes that eventually he loses plausibility completely.

Novelists like Buckley and Baldacci know that fiction, more than anything, has to have that plausibility. Events must happen in logical sequence; characters need to be consistent; wild coincidences

Reality is under no such constraints. It's messy.

"I think fiction can compete barely - with the American polit-hundred pages into a novel, rently imitating art, right down to is impeached for adultery and cor- the banality of it all."

ical reality," says Gore Vidal, who has written a half-dozen novels, including "Empire"

and "Washington, D.C.," set in the corridors of power. "But fiction to be good must seem true while reality in our lawyerly media-ized land creates untruth to such an extent that nothing is ever really

That's the trouble with the Lewinsky story. No matter how true it may ultimately be, it sure doesn't seem true.

'If I had written a novel where the president had an affair with a 21-year-old intern who refused to clean a dress for the reasons Lewin-Buckley happened to glance at sky was supposedly refusing the newspaper next to him. There to clean a dress, no editor in New York would have allowed me to keep that scene in," says Charles McCarry, author of "Second Sight," "The Secret Lovers" and other tales of Washington intrigue. "They would have said it was unbelievable."

Only a brave or foolhardy writer would undertake a Washington novel against this colorful, unpredictable landscape

"It's a Sisyphean task," Buck-y says. "You need strong ley says. "You need strong shoulders and very good climbing 'It started like most of my life

does, as a joke, a one-liner," says Larry Beinhart, the novelist whose work, thanks to Hollywood, neatly anticipated the current scandal. "I was watching the Gulf War on CNN, and I said, 'Hey, this is a made-for-TV movie.' He can't remember whom he

said it to, but he remembers this: She didn't laugh. So he said it to other people. They didn't laugh either. They seemed to think he was should be skipped. Even the sur-prises and sudden twists must be movie." But Beinhart meant: 'There is a guy somewhere who directed and scripted this."

No one understood, so he expanded his joke by a couple of having the last laugh. Life is cur-



The Washington writers Christopher Buckley, left, and Garrett Epps.

researched, insanely complicated States attacks Iraq, the media will political satire about how the dying have been primed by the film to Republican strategist Lee Atwater concocts the Gulf War with the help of some Hollywood filmmakers, all part of a plot to re-elect President Bush.

Published in 1993, the novel did only modestly well, but it caught the attention of Hollywood. The result, with a presidential sex scandal added and the title changed, was "Wag the Dog." You know the plot: The president gropes a young visitor to his office; to get everyone's minds off the resulting uproar, he and a team from Hollywood make it look as though the United States has gone to war with Albania.

Once again the reviews were less than stellar, but the filmmakers are at a Birmingham abortion clinic.

'American Hero.' It was a heavily the possibility that if the United suggest that Clinton did so in part to switch the topic from Lewinsky. "It's really hard to stay ahead of

the loop on this," says the 50-yearold Beinhart. But if "Wag the Dog" managed it, matters are less sure with his new novel, "Man of the People," which he's finishing

"It's about sex, which is the only issue in American politics," the writer explains. "There are now two parties in this country, the sex party and the anti-sex party. There's a relative consensus on all the financial issues, the defense issues. What's left? Sex. And they're killing people over it" — a reference to last week's fatal bombing trust. But this being the real world, The plot involves a senator who

main character is former Senator Bob Packwood, who was disgraced over sexual harassment charges. Of course, by the time the book is published, readers will think Beinhart was inspired by

Die in Italy Clinton. past that. It's like picking out a tie. You're going out to dinner and you can't make up your mind — this tie too hip, that one too formal. Eventually it's five minutes "I don't care," the author ki Lift Cable

1 State Secretary Liver Liver you grab a tie and go, hope for the best.'

As for the real-life events, Coma Transie - Marian what struck him is "the utter seriousness with which everyone was reporting this. But it's a sex farce. It's like a satire of 'Melrose Place.' "

So real-life events seem like a sendup of a television show that already lampoons reality, while the satirical movie that was designed as a sendup of reality is considered so dangerously close to it that pundits wonder if it

will inhibit the president from acting against Iraq. No wonder the novelists are lost.

The trouble isn't that the scandal seems like fiction. It's that it seems like stupid fiction. Presidents are supposed to be brought low by bigger crimes than this. In Baidacci's Absolute Power," the president doesn't merely have a mistress, he gets in a drunken knife fight with her; to protect him, the Secret Service kills her.

Says Garrett Epps, author of The Floating Island: A Tale of Washington": "In a David Baldacci book, the person who finds evidence of high-level wrongdoing would call the crusty former CIA agent now living in retirement in Montana, the one person they can who did Linda Tripp call? Her literary agent. This is what I mean by

### **MOVIES**

# Acting Out the Past In Tour of Old Shanghai

By Alison Dakota Gee

SHANGHAI — The bustling the pinnacle of cultural and financial boulevard certainly looks like collaboration — and collusion — be-Nanjing Road, the thoroughfare that for the last century has been Shanghai's busiest. Only rickshas and horsedrawn carriages — not diesel buses

Chinese silk jackets walk briskly past teahouses and a European-style hotel, disappearing down cobblestone alleyways. But the skillfully crafted ruse quickly falls apart as soon as a man wearing Ray-Ban sunglasses, jeans and a down jacket runs into view. He utters a single word: "Cut!"

The stretch of grain shops. Chinese herb kiosks, photography studios, colonial clock towers and foreign trading houses is not the real Nanjing Road but a meticulous, almost eerie, re-creation of the famous boulevard, almost exactly as it was in the

It represents the first phase of the local film industry's ambitious — and some say outrageous - plan to create a \$100 million Shanghai Film Studio Tour. Studio officials contend that construction will be finished in just three years. Then, these 200 acres (80 hectares) of former paddies will become home to eight historic Shanghai backdrops. The district's ancient temples and pagodas, rivers and lakes, Art Deco houses, dance halls and opium dens, populated by a seasoned group of professional Shanghai extra actors, will spring to life here — just as the lightning-speed development of the real Shanghai is turning many of these grand monuments into casual-

ties of the wrecking ball.

period of Chinese history for national, Hong Kong and international film productions. Shanghai symbolized the pinnacle of cultural and financial tween East and West.

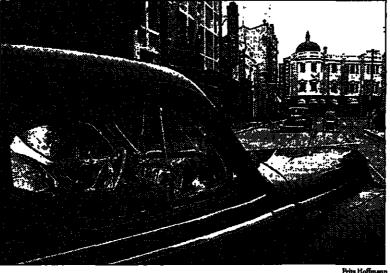
"It was a time of 'twisted prosperity," said John Z. Zhong, managing director of the studio's foreign co-proand taxis — speed down these streets. ductions. "Foreigners love it. When Men in fedoras and flowing Somerset Maugham came here during that time he thought it was paradise." In fact, international producers of-

> ten say that the only Chinese movies that will sell tickets in the West are Gong Li. Witness the recent work of two mainland masters. Both Zhang Yimou's "Shanghai Triad" and Chen Kaige's "Temptress Moon" starred Gong and focused on decadent Shanghai life in the 1930s. Both were billion in the project — an offer the

Hong Kong filmmakers routinely crank out films set in old Shanghai -'Shanghai Grand'' and for the average Chinese too: Three toprated Chinese television shows are

shooting here. The Shanghai Film Studios Tour is meant to rival its American counterpart, the Universal Studios Tour, next few tour phases. For the rest, the creating a parallel universe — with a studio plans to cultivate other Asian wholly Chinese focus. Other pro- investors looking to enter China's poposed attractions include a Special Effects Show and a Cartoon World, tourist trams, souvenir shops and Chinese fast-food stands.

But exactly how the studio will es of the wrecking ball. construction plans come at time the sky, "goes an old saying. In 1918, Shanghai of the early to mid 20th when China's film industry is ex-



ones set in old Shanghai that feature A driver awaits his cue on a set at Shanghai Film Studios.

and financial droughts since the Cultural Revolution. Zhong said that one Xin Min Film Co. (which became part of the "big eight" Hollywood studios proposed to invest as much as \$1 among the few Chinese films to enjoy studio quickly rejected. "We could not make an equal investment - and we wanted to retain control." he

U.S. investors also wanted to Springs," for example — because they charge tourists \$100 per ticket. "We are surefire audience pleasers. Life in are thinking more like \$100 renminbi old Shanghai makes popular viewing (around \$12)," Zhong said. "Otherwise no Chinese will come."

Studio officials say their film directors are now making commercial box-office hits whose earnings will be poured into the construction of the tentially huge market.

Visions as grand as the entertainment park are nothing new for the Shanghai Film Studio. The company's place in Chinese moviemakcome up with the funds to complete ing history is exalted: "Shanghai the project is unclear. Studio-tour Film Studios produces half the stars in century is possibly the most popular periencing one of its worst creative ing. (The event was called "Western Kong-based journalist.

of the Shanghai Film Studios in 1949) produced China's first film, "Suffering Couples."
"Shanghai Film Studios has always

been full of opportunists," said Law Kar, who as a Hong Kong film festival coordinator, has strong ties to Shanghai film world. "It's been a bastion for leftist thinkers who have a lot of experience dealing with foreigners."

Unlike the Beijing Film Studios, vhose movies are more likely to reflect popular political thought, the Shanghai film industry has always been more cosmopolitan and commercial. Clearly, Law said, today it hopes to capitalize on its ties with the West, cultivating foreign investment so that Shanghai filmmaking can stay at the top of the industry.

Zhong agreed. "We're certainly the best studio in all of China — but we're not as good as other countries," he said. "In this next century, our hope is to become as good as anybody in the West."

Alison Dakota Gee is a Hong

# 'Titanic,' the Unsinkable Film

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES -- "Titanic" was a megadisaster, comparable to "Waterworld" "Cutthroat Island" and "Heaven's Gate."

"Titanic" would sink the jobs of some top executives at 20th Century-Fox, the studio that provided the bulk of the financing, with Paramount, for a movie that cost at least \$200 million to produce and at least \$50 million to market. "Titanic" was a metaphor for Hollywood filmmaking gone amok; a movie whose director, James Cameron, went over budget by an estimated \$100 million.

Guess again. The three-hour-plus film that was trashed about the doomed luxury liner that offered few surprises — has turned into a movie that just may draw the biggest box office in his"Titanic," which has only been playing for just may draw the biggest box office in his-

owners, is another matter.

Overseas, it's much too early to predict. We weren't counting when we were down, and we're not counting when we're up. Let's just say the performance of the movie is amazing.' The film, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and

premature to talk about it," said William Me-

chanic, chairman of Fox Filmed Entertainment.

Kate Winslet as young lovers aboard the ship, surpassed the \$300 million box-office mark in the United States this weekend. "Titanic" has already turned into what Hollywood terms a cultural event, a movie so embedded in the culture that critical reviews are irrelevant. Who hasn't seen such other event movies as "Star Wars" and "The

The three-hour-plus film that was trashed before it even opened — no big stars, a story

The movie could possibly surpass the most successful motion picture ever, Steven Spielberg's 1993 adventure, "Jurassic Park." That

tory. Whether or not the movie actually turns about six weeks in the United States, has a huge profit, given its record cost and the fact opened abroad to huge success in Japan, Brithat about half the box office goes to theater tain, France, Brazil and several other nations but has not been widely released. So far, We don't know where this will end up; it's the film has grossed \$230 million overseas.

# PEOPLE

film "2001: A Space Odyssey," said he was angry at the allegations made in a London tabloid and had asked for his investiture to be delayed to avoid embarrassing the prince. Charles had been expected to knight Clarke when he visits Sri Lanka, the writer's long-time home, this week. "I am outraged by the Sunday Mirror's allegations, and I am seeking legal Clarke said in a statement in Colombo. "In view of the nature of this story, I have asked that my investiture be postponed in order to avoid embarrassment to HRH the Prince of Wales during his visit to Sri

After having several gallstones removed during his liver transplant in 1995, Larry Hagman sent them to the artist Barton Benes, who made one into a ring. "He has a great sense of humor," Benes said. The artist, who collects weird celebrity objects, also has a surgical staple from Hagman's transplant and a cough drop that President Bill Clinton threw into an ashtray before a TV interview.

Stephen King, the dean of horror fiction, worked up a script for an episode of "The X-

tleman, but basically he came back to me and said 'This isn't what we wanted, King said. He said he liked his version better, but added that Carter's was fine work. Despite the disagreement, King plans to write another script for "The X-Files" this year.

Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother is making good progress after her hipreplacement operation, Buckngham Palace said. Majesty is walking a little farther each day," a palace spokesman said, but added that it was too early to say when she would leave the hospital. The Queen Mum fractured her left hip in a fall on

THE author Arthur C. Clarke's investiture Doctors operated that night, She has received I as a knight by Prince Charles was postponed on Monday after allegations about his
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> Arnold Schwarzenegger testified in a Los Angeles trial that his heart was "pounding like crazy" when two photographers chased him, his wife, Maria Shriver, and their son Patrick on the way to the boy's preschool. The photographers, Giles Harrison and Andrew O'Brien, are charged with illegally blocking Schwarzenegger's car to shoot photos The defense attorney argued that the pictures and videotapes taken by his clients would show that the car was never boxed in.

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Swarms of would-be movie extras seeking parts in Bruce Willis's new film, "Breakfast of Champions," were eager for a glimpse of the movie star — and perhaps a bit gullible. A Willis impersonator crashed the casting call in Twin Falls, Idaho, and fooled most people into thinking he was the real thing, signing autographs, posing for photos and giving an "exclusive" interview to a TV reporter from Boise who bought the act, at least for a while. Willis was actually spending the afternoon in nearby Hailey, rehearsing with his band for a gig at a local nightclub. More than 2,700 Hollywood hopefuls showed up at the casting Files" that was sent back by producer Chris call, vying for one of 700 extra roles in the film Carter for revisions, then rewritten completely. "Chris is a real gen-



Jan. 25 while inspecting horses at Queen Elizabeth's estate in eastern England.

THE LITTLE STAMP? — Sydney Chapus, Service.

Charlie Chaplin, stands next to a poster of the new stamp of his father issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

# A Chekhovian Challenge for the Moscow Art Theater

By Marina Lakhman New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Oleg Efremov, the artistic director of the Moscow Art Theater, is 70. He has seen a lot of Chekhov in his day. And he is opinionated about all of it. In fact, he thinks that productions of the playwright's masterpieces in his native country have become so predictable, such crowd pleasers, that it is impossible to feel the author's original intentions anymore.

"If I went out in the street," Efremov said recently, speaking in Russian, 'and asked any person how he would pronounce a specific Chekhov phrase, I could predict exactly how he would do it."

"I knew," he said, "that there is such a variety of everything in Chekhov, that beyond these sterectypes there is something more — and I wanted to pull it out."

The moment he chose was significant and celebratory: 1998 is the centennial of the theater's found-ing by Konstantin Stanislavsky, whom many regard as the father of modern theater, and Vladimir Nemirovich-Danchenko, also a director and teacher. Efremov's new version of "The Three Sisters," which opened to critical praise in Moscow last year,

will be presented for seven performances in Russian

(with simultaneous English translation), beginning Friday at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

This is the third time that the company will have the New Russia: it's 'Three Sisters' without 'Kremperformed in the United States, and on each occasion it has brought a version of "The Three Sisters."

Chekhov wrote the play, about three unhappy women longing for meaning in their lives, for the Moscow Art Theater, which presented it in 1901. Stanislavsky, who directed it and performed in it, an ecologist," Efremov said, "he was writing believed the play is not about characters who are about the fact that human beings are closely tied to bored with life but about those who desperately want to live. During the troupe's first American tour in 1922-

23, when its work had not yet been affected by mmunist propaganda. Lee Strasberg saw the naturalistic Stanislavsky style that later became the foundation of the Method he would teach at the In time, though, he would be accused of dis-

torting Stanislavsky's system of acting that emphasized psychological realism rather than the highly stylized theatrical conventions that prevailed in the 19th century.

In its 1965 visit, the company brought "Kremlin Chimes," a Soviet-era play that praised the virtues of communism. Efremov said the Soviet version of The Three Sisters' stressed that the characters were missing a better life and "poeticized Chekhov." Now, said Anatoli Smeliansky, the theater's

Efremov said that overcoming the poeticized

Chekhov was the greatest challenge. His new 'Three Sisters' is based on the idea of humanity's dependence on nature. "Although Chekhov wasn't nature and the entire process of life."

Friends, he joked, have labeled his theory "met-eorological directing." "This is the first produc-tion," he said, "in which Chekhov's characters are so dependent on the changing cycle of nature. Spring, summer, fall, winter - everything is built on this foundation.' Seasons in Russia are extreme, Efremov noted.

and the vast weather changes are reflected in the play. He has, accordingly, set it in a single park, which dramatically alters with the seasons. In terms of directing his actors, Efremov said he does not abide by one style of performance. He studied acting with students of Stanislavsky and believes that the master's "method" is unfinished

and forever fluid. "When Stanislavsky's teachings became a final and unmovable dogma," he said, "it quickly ali-enated people who believe that those in the arts associate artistic director, "we are bringing the end-of-the-century Art Theater, the Art Theater of something new."

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